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## Ignored, mistreated and turned away

Vets recount experiences with Phoenix VA health system

By JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

PHOENIX — The veterans who use the Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health System are angry, sick and scared.

They say they call and call, but get no answer.

They say they are ignored, disrespected and turned away by employees with no medical training.

They say they wait months for an appointment with a primary care doctor, then wait several more months to see a specialist.

More than 200 veterans and family members packed into American Legion Post 41 to share horror stories of delays, misdiagnoses and poor treatment with the national commander of the American Legion and the

interim director of the Phoenix VA. Steve Young took over after whistleblowers revealed secret waiting lists used to cover up

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He said 40 veterans died while waiting for appointments in Phoenix VA clinics, and VA wrongdoings have surfaced in at least 10 states.

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Carolyn Stoor talks about the life-threatening problems her husband, Ken Stoor, has had at the Phoenix VA, during a town hall meeting at American Legion Post 41 in Phoenix on Tuesday.

## CALIFORNIA SMOLDERS

Parts of Camp Pendleton forced to evacuate as wildfires rage

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GREGORY BULL/AP

A firefighter moves past a burning structure Thursday in Escondido, Calif. Wildfires ravaging parts of Southern California have forced closures and evacuations at Camp Pendleton and Naval Weapons Station Fallbrook, with roughly 6,300 acres of the base burned.

## Injectable sponges may be lifesaver on battlefield

By WYATT OLSON  
Stars and Stripes

An Oregon company is ramping up to produce an Army-backed sponge that could save lives by slowing bleeding from some battlefield wounds in seconds.

RevMedx received approval in April from the Food and Drug Administration to produce XStat, a compressed sponge that looks like an antacid tablet but expands many times its size when exposed to fluids, such as blood. The material is also treated with a hemostatic agent, which quickly coagulates the blood flow.

A large syringe is used to inject dozens of the sponges deep into a wound, and its inventors say blood flow can be staunched as quickly as 20 seconds.

The Army has invested heavily in the production and development of XStat, providing RevMedx with about \$5 million during the past five years, said John Steinbaugh, a vice president at the company.

A recent study of roughly 4,600 casualties from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2001-11 found that a quarter of the deaths were potentially preventable, with uncontrolled bleeding a major cause.

Hemostatic gauzes have long been used by medics and civilian emergency personnel to stop bleeding but have only been approved by the FDA for dressing external wounds. However, they are routinely inserted into wounds to stem blood flow, Steinbaugh said.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We just pulled out envelopes and envelopes. My mouth was literally hanging open — everybody's was — it was an unfathomable amount"

— Cally Guasti, of New Paltz, N.Y., who along with two roommates found \$40,800 in cash stuffed into a couch they bought at a thrift store

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## MILITARY

# Hagel: US won't let Iran build nuke

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel pledged to Israeli leaders Friday that the U.S. "will do what we must" to prevent the Jewish state's greatest fear of a nuclear-armed Iran. Hagel made the public pledge in a statement at talks in Jerusalem with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"I want to assure you of the United States' commitment to ensuring Iran does not get a nuclear weapon — and that America will do what we must to live up to that commitment," Hagel said.

Both men spoke of the disputed Iranian nuclear program, which is the topic of negotiations this week in Vienna between Western powers and Iran.

"We've been saying all along that Iran is trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the international community," Netanyahu said in a statement while standing beside Hagel.



PHOTOS BY MANDEL NGAN/AP

**U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon, left, place stones onto the tomb of assassinated Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin at the Mount Herzl national cemetery in Jerusalem on Friday.**

Hecited a United Nations report on what he called "Iran's ongoing effort to deceive the international community to continue to develop ICBMs and to continue to violate its commitments of security

council stipulations on forbidding it to develop certain parts of its nuclear program."

"They continue to do that and I think that requires a very clear and firm policy on the part of

world powers," Netanyahu said. The Israeli leader said, "we must not let the ayatollahs win, we mustn't let the foremost terrorist state of our time, Iran, develop the capability to produce nuclear weapons."

Hagel was wrapping up a four-day Middle East visit that began Tuesday in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, where he met with defense leaders from Persian Gulf nations with longstanding security ties to the United States.

Hagel's trip coincided with international talks in Vienna with Iran aimed at drafting a deal to limit Iran's nuclear program, which is a top-priority issue for the Gulf Arab states as well as for Israel.

The Iranian government says it has no intention of building a nuclear bomb.

Improving relations with Iran has been a high foreign policy priority for President Barack Obama, and the Vienna talks have raised hopes of meaningful progress on the nuclear issue

## Shinseki fails to satisfy vet group with testimony

By TRAVIS J. TRITTEN  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs Chief Eric Shinseki's testimony Thursday in Capitol Hill appears to have done little to reassure some who have been angered by reports of deadly wait times at veteran hospitals and clinics across the country.

A group representing Iraq and Afghanistan vets said Shinseki did not restore its confidence in the VA health care system following the testimony and harsh criticism was being lobbed on social media and comment boards Friday morning.

Meanwhile, White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough appeared on cable news following the secretary's testimony and tried to deflect pointed questions over the continuing problems and a lack of leadership accountability at the VA.

On Thursday, Senators on the Veterans' Affairs Committee

grilled Shinseki, saying about 50 federal reports in recent years warned of problems long before a health care scandal involving allegedly falsified records in at least 10 states. In Arizona, whistleblower reports surfaced in late April that a Phoenix VA hospital kept a secret list concealing long waits for health treatment while 40 veterans died.

The "testimony from Secretary Shinseki did not restore confidence that VA senior leadership is responding with action and not just concern," Tom Tarantino, chief policy officer for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said in a released statement Thursday. "Our members are outraged and we need to see a bold plan to address these allegations."

The American Legion and members of Congress have called for Shinseki to resign.

Shinseki testified that he is "mad as hell" that employees may have falsified records on VA wait

times and urged patience while the department inspector general conducts a probe that may be completed by August.

On the Stars and Stripes website, comments on the news ran almost entirely negative.

"Being 'mad as hell' is a much better alternative to being deader than hell like the vets in Phoenix," one commenter wrote.

Another wrote: "How many [veterans] must wait in suffering? How many must wait until they die?"

It remains unclear how many veteran patients might have died due to delays in care.

The VA health care system is the largest such network in the country. It serves 200,000 veterans each day and has 1,700 points of entry across the United States and abroad.

On Thursday, VA inspector general Richard Griffin testified that the 40 deaths reported in Phoenix may be "wildly" inaccurate. He said the IG has been coming

through waiting lists throughout the VA health care system and has found 17 deaths that it is looking into.

"On those 17, we didn't conclude so far that the delay caused the death," he told the Senate committee. "There is one thing to be on the waiting list and other to conclude the waiting list caused the death."

Still, the evidence so far and Shinseki's testimony did not quell the public outrage over the reported Phoenix deaths.

On the CNN network, anchor Jake Tapper pressed McDonough, asking, "How many dead veterans do you need to lose confidence in Shinseki's leadership?"

McDonough said President Barack Obama still supports Shinseki, who has "dramatically expanded access" over the past six years in the VA.

Shinseki "holds himself accountable," McDonough said.

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## Afghan candidates similar on issues

BY GREG KELLER  
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The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — One is suave, debonair and well-groomed, often wearing bespoke suits and ascot ties. The other looks a bit like the famously ascetic Mahatma Gandhi and says he relaxes by reading centuries-old texts.

Afghanistan's presidential campaign is going to a runoff between two candidates with little to distinguish them on issues but sharply different personal backgrounds and styles.

The first, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, is a one-time aide to a famed warlord during the Afghan anti-Soviet guerrilla campaign. The second, ex-Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, is a Columbia University-educated anthropologist who spent much of the '90s working for the World Bank.

Both have promised to sign a deal to allow some U.S. forces to stay in Afghanistan after the end of the year and have emphasized in their campaign speeches that they will do "whatever is necessary" to advance peace — without offering specifics. With no visible differences in either candidate's position on talks with the Taliban or relations with the U.S., the run-up to the June 14 final round is likely to be dominated by horse-trading among the country's still powerful ethnic voting blocks.

After an inconclusive first round of voting in April, Afghan voters now must return to the polls to select a successor to President Hamid Karzai, a one-time close U.S. ally who lately has been more a thorn in its side. A peace-transfer of power would mean some hope that the hundreds of billions of dollars spent and more than 2,000 American lives lost in the war to stabilize Afghanistan after more than three decades of conflict were not wasted.

The second round likely will feature a tight race, but some observers are worried concerns that the balloting will highlight ethnic fault lines in the country of 30



Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah speaks Wednesday during a news conference in Kabul.



Afghan presidential candidate Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai addresses a news conference Thursday in Kabul.

million.

Abdullah, 53, has both Pashtun and Tajik parentage. During the Soviet occupation in the 1980s, he served as adviser to and spokesman for Tajik warlord Ahmad Shah Massoud, who was assassinated by al-Qaida two days before the Sept. 11, 2001 attack.

In the early days after the U.S.-led alliance toppled the Taliban regime, Abdullah became the face of Afghanistan's anti-Taliban movement, giving frequent news conferences to international media. He served as foreign minister and then was the runner-up in Karzai's disputed re-election in 2009.

Ahmadzai, 64, a Pashtun, received a Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University and taught at Johns Hopkins University during the years of Soviet occupation. He then began a career at the World Bank and was finance minister in the first post-Taliban government. He also ran in the 2009 election, coached by American campaign consultant James Carville, but received only 3 percent of the vote.

Both candidates have named running mates chosen strategi-

cally from other ethnic groups, a Pashtun for Abdullah and an Uzbek for Ahmadzai.

Sagarika Dutt, a South Asian specialist at Nottingham Trent University in England, said that Afghanistan's electoral politics "are still based on ethnic allegiances and affiliations, rather than on policies."

Next month's vote also will coincide with the height of the Taliban spring offensive that was launched earlier this week. The insurgency has renewed its campaign of attacks on the Afghan police and military, increasing fears over security when voters head to the polls.

The Taliban have pledged to disrupt the vote with bombings and other violence, although the first round on April 5 passed relatively peacefully.

Abdullah garnered 45 percent of votes in the first round while Ahmadzai came in second with 31.6 percent. Independent Election Commission Chairman Ahmad Yousuf Nouristani said. The final results were almost exactly the same as the preliminary results released late last month.

Abdullah said he was "certain"

of carrying the second round, thanks to the wide cushion his first-round results give him, as well as endorsements he's won from several of the smaller first round candidates, including third-place finisher Zalmay Rassoul — who was considered Karzai's candidate of choice.

But it's unclear whether Rassoul can deliver the votes of his supporters, who are largely Pashtuns, the country's largest ethnic group.

Over 7 million Afghans voted in the first round, considered a strong turnout in an election plagued by Taliban threats and logistical hardships for both voters and poll workers.

U.S. representative James Dobbins expressed the hope that a successful election would be a step toward enticing the Taliban to agree to talks.

"We're hopeful that the Taliban will reconsider their position and be willing to engage directly with us possibly, but even more importantly, directly with the Afghan government," Dobbins said at a meeting in Tokyo of the International Contact Group for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Barreras completed several combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

After the Ranger Regiment, he served as senior enlisted adviser of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit for three years from August 2009 to 2012.

In March 2013, Barreras was assigned as the senior enlisted adviser for the 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, and deployed to Afghanistan in December 2013.

Barreras is survived by a wife, two daughters and a son.

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## Say what?

A sample of reader  
comments from  
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### With less need, Army raises bar

With wars ending and budgets dwindling, the Army has fewer slots for new recruits, and can afford to be more selective. Potential recruits are learning that some tattoos and low test scores make joining less likely than ever before.

### Readers respond:

I can remember a judge giving a young man a choice: prison or the Marine Corps. The very smart kids chose the Corps. This was also during the Vietnam War and the draft was alive and well; very easy to get into the military back then.

— Brian Pederson

Data compiled by the Defense Department show that the percentage of new Army recruits with high-school diplomas has plunged from 94 percent in 2003 to 83.5 percent in 2005 to 70.7 percent in 2007. (The Pentagon's longstanding goal is 90 percent.)

— ButtWheat

With cut backs and getting away from the war time footing to the Garrison mentality, recruits need to have more than just a pulse now. Now it's quality over quantity, instead of quantity over quality like it had been. I'm wondering how someone fails the ASVAB 3 times??

— 14all\_al141

Today's U.S. Military is streamlining and modernizing, while the average American teenager just continues to plunge into frightening new depths of stupidity and political correctness.

— Justin\_Leger

I was a recruiter and I turned away my fair share of great kids that were disqualified. You can tell if a kid will be a career shooie or a true leader. I have had to disqualify kids that I know would be great just because of a guilty by association charge.

— Joe Peters

Good...don't need anymore dirtballs in my Army!

— Bradley Hollywood

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## Fort Bliss NCO dies after attack in Afghanistan

BY AUDREA HUFF  
Stars and Stripes

A Fort Bliss command sergeant major died at a Texas hospital a week after his unit was attacked in Afghanistan, the Defense Department said Thursday.

Command Sgt. Maj. Martin R. Barreras, 49, of Tucson, Ariz., died Tuesday at San Antonio Military Medical Center from wounds sustained when enemy forces opened fire on his unit May 6 in Herat province.

Fox News reported Friday that a friend and fellow Ranger said in an email that Barreras was part of the unit that conducted the successful rescue of Lynch from an Iraqi hospital. The friend

said Barreras personally handed Lynch to another soldier to transfer to the helicopter that evacuated him from the area.

And in a story on military.com, he is credited with advising the actors in the 2001 film, "Black Hawk Down."

Then-Sgt. 1st Class Martin Barreras was quoted as saying, "I want them to remember the sense of teamwork that is inherent to a Ranger organization and the amount of attention to detail that's required from every individual that is part of that team."

Barreras was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Barreras was my friend and battle buddy," Lt. Col. Edward Brady said. "I've spent more time with him than my wife since I've taken command. I believe that I was the luckiest battalion commander in the Army to have him as my (command sergeant major)."

Barreras enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1983. Five years later, he enlisted in the Army as an infantryman and attended airborne school and the 75th Ranger Regiment Regimental Indocination Program at Fort Benning, Georgia.

He was assigned to the Ranger Regiment in December 1988, where he served for the next 22 years, Fort Bliss officials said.



## MILITARY

# Phoenix: Veterans, family members share stories of frustrations with VA hospital

## FROM FRONT PAGE

The Legion's Daniel Dellinger told the crowd that the VA has "a pattern of unresponsiveness that has infected the entire system."

People in the room waited their turn, then spoke of broken promises, fear and frustration. Some choked back tears; others spoke harshly of misplaced loyalty, angered that they had proudly served in the military yet weren't being served by the VA in return.

## Turned away

Dennis Morris' arm was swollen, and he wasn't feeling well, so he and his wife, Lynn, went to the Phoenix VA's emergency room. They spent the whole night there, she said, and were sent home with a bag of ice.

The next day, his arm was worse — even more swollen and turning black. They went back to the ER and he was released with another bag of ice, she said.

On the third day, she insisted her husband go to the civilian hospital near their home in Sun City. Dennis was diagnosed with cellulitis and two strains of pneumonia, and he spent several days in the hospital. She said she had to write to Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., to get the VA to cover the medical bills.

Three years later, when her husband turned 65, she told him there was no longer any reason for him to go to the VA. She signed him up for Medicare, she said, but he still liked the VA.

Late last summer, Dennis, then 66, started feeling bad and began calling the VA to get an appointment with his primary care doctor. After about eight weeks and no appointment, the couple went to the ER at the VA. Dennis was seen immediately, she said, and the doctors did blood tests and took a chest X-ray. They discovered he was extremely anemic and admitted him for six or eight hours to administer iron directly into his blood.

But he didn't get better. Early the next week he got a call from the VA saying he might have pneumonia. They sent him to a VA clinic closer to home for a second X-ray. He was given antibiotics, but he still felt bad.

Finally, Lynn decided to take her husband back to the civilian hospital. Within 12 hours, he was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer, she said. He died 21 days later.

"I'm convinced they never looked at the X-rays," she said of the VA.

She acknowledges that it might have been too late to save her husband even if the doctors had found the cancer when they went to the VA emergency room in August. But, she said, the couple would have had time to make plans.

Instead, he was nearly unconscious the time he came home from the hospital 15 days after

the diagnosis, and he died less than a week later.

"He just totally disintegrated," she said. "I was not prepared to lose Dennis in five days."

## 'He stayed loyal to the military'

Navy veteran Dennis Richardson had struggled with post-traumatic stress and survivor syndrome since he returned from Vietnam, his brother Darrell said.

"But he stayed loyal to the military," he said, and was proud to get his care at the VA.

Dennis Richardson split his time between Wisconsin and Arizona. When he was diagnosed with liver cancer by a civilian doctor in Wisconsin in late July 2012, he decided to get his treatment from the VA in Arizona.

He hand-carried his medical records and diagnosis to Phoenix, but when he tried to get an appointment with his primary care doctor at the VA so he could be referred to oncology, he was told he would have to wait seven months, his brother said.

"They wouldn't even look at his records," Darrell Richardson said. Family members tried calling to get him an appointment, but had no luck.

Richardson waited about three months, until he could no longer stand the pain. At the end of September 2012, he went to the VA emergency room and doctors started him on chemotherapy, but it was too late, his brother said. Dennis Richardson stopped chemo after a few weeks, saying he was simply too sick to handle it. He died Nov. 8, 2012, at the age of 65.

Darrell Richardson said he later found out that the Houston VA has one of the best liver cancer treatment programs in the country. If his brother had gotten a transfer to that program when he first arrived in Phoenix, he said, maybe he could have lived longer.

## 'You have to be almost dead'

Carolyn Stoor struggled to hold back tears as she recounted the two times she said she almost lost her husband, Ken, in the past year.

"You have to be almost dead for them to do something" at the Phoenix VA clinics, she said.

Ken Stoor served in the Army from 1965 to 1969, and suffers from medical issues including diabetes, heart problems, PTSD and pre-cancerous tumors in his bladder, she said. He has been going to a VA clinic in Phoenix for about three years, even though it is about 65 miles away from their home in Superior, Ariz.

Ken Stoor kept his arm around her shoulder at the meeting, she talked about how they have



JENNIFER HLADE/Stars and Stripes

**Darrell Richardson talks about his brother, Vietnam veteran Dennis Richardson, who he said had trouble getting treatment for his liver cancer from the Phoenix Veterans Affairs hospital. Dennis Richardson died Nov. 8, 2012. Darrell Richardson said, Darrell Richardson was one of about 200 veterans and family members who gathered at American Legion Post 41 on Tuesday to discuss problems and allegations of wrongdoing at the Phoenix VA.**

struggled to get him help.

In October, she took him to his primary care doctor with low blood pressure and a high fever. The doctor told her to take him home, and "pump him full of fluids."

She said she had already done that, so she took him to a civilian hospital, where doctors diagnosed him with a severe infection.

"They said, 'We don't know if he's going to make it,'" Carolyn said, now crying.

After that, she requested a different primary care doctor for her husband.

"I actually told that last primary doctor what a rotten job she did: 'Thank you very much, but you almost killed him,'" she said. "I should have moved him out of the whole clinic," she said, but they both really like the physician's assistant he sees for his heart.

In April, Ken was having severe chest pains and Carolyn took him to the VA. He and six others were waiting for a test when the machine went down, she said.

They left to go to the civilian hospital, where doctors told her Ken was having a heart attack and might not survive.

"I just said, 'I'm not letting him die on me,'" she said. "I'm not going to lose him over something stupid" like a broken machine.

## Forgotten on the fourth floor

Robert Sertich served in the Air Force from 1947 to 1961. He went to the VA hospital in 2011 after being diagnosed with sepsis. His daughter, Kim Sertich, said doctors told her that he might be there for a few weeks.

He was 81, with underlying health issues, but she said he was coherent and could move around when she left him the first night.

By the second night, he was no longer coherent. She said she

walked in to find him sitting in the dark, with his oxygen tube pinched under his heels at his chair.

Doctors had requested an MRI to find the source of the infection, and he was put on a breathing machine in the intensive-care unit for a few days. He never got the test, she said.

When he started having trouble swallowing, the doctors put in a feeding tube.

One night, Robert pulled out the tube in his sleep. Kim gave permission for his hands to be loosely secured when he slept, so he couldn't pull it out. Then he was moved to a different floor, Kim said, and the problems began adding up.

The MRI was never done, she said, and though a test of his swollen arm had been ordered on the third floor, the staff on the fourth floor never did it. They also refused to secure his hands, she said, and when he pulled the tube out, they wouldn't put it back in.

Kim tried to feed her father, she said, but he could barely swallow. After a few days, Kim insisted they put the feeding tube back in. She paid for someone to watch her father 24 hours a day so he wouldn't pull it out.

Her father's blood tests were improving and he was getting more coherent, Kim said, but his arm continued to swell. When doctors realized it was a blood clot and began giving him blood thinners, "that was pretty much the end," she said.

Robert Sertich died Nov. 14, 2011, after 33 days in the VA hospital. A week later, the hospital sent a condolence letter for "Richard Sertich."

## They keep coming back

Despite having serious problems with their care, many veterans return to the VA again and again for myriad reasons.

Stoor said her husband continues to go to the VA, where he has appointments and therapy a few times a week and gets many of his medications.

"It's kind of scary, every time you go," she said. "But if you don't go, then you don't get your benefit."

Richardson said his brother always "stayed loyal to the military," he said, and was proud to get his care at the VA, even with a cancer diagnosis, access to the Mayo Clinic and a seven-month wait for a referral.

Lynn Morris said she never really liked the VA, but her husband, Dennis, insisted on going there.

"The waiting room was horrendous," she said, "and the attitude of the people working there was even worse."

Still, he had served in the Army and liked his doctors at the VA, she said.

She didn't understand.

The emergency room was full of people with their heads between their legs because they were in such intense pain, she said. Foote said the average wait time there was frequently 12 to 16 hours.

"I thought it was a horrible mess from Day 1," she said.

Robert Sertich lived nearly 90 miles from Phoenix, in Payson, Ariz., but going to the VA was "like this badge of honor," his daughter Kim said.

The hospital floors were filthy, she said, and there were several days when the bathrooms for visitors and the hot water for patient showers didn't work.

Young, the interim director of the Phoenix VA system, told the crowd he didn't have answers for the veterans and families. But he stayed at the meeting for hours and took notes.

"I'm just here to listen and understand," he said. "I don't have the perfect solution yet."

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## MILITARY



Photos Courtesy of RevMedx

The compressed sponges used in XStat take up far less room in a medic's kit than bulky gauze, which is currently used to stop bleeding from battlefield wounds.

## Sponges: Device intended to work in areas where tourniquets, external pressure won't

### FROM FRONT PAGE

"Our product is actually approved to be inserted into the body to control bleeding," he said. And unlike makeshift gauze, XStat expands and puts pressure on the point of bleeding.

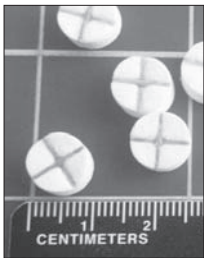
The device "doesn't solve all of our bleeding problems," according to Dr. Anthony Pusateri, with the Combat Casualty Care Research Program of the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick, Md., which oversaw its development and testing.

But XStat is intended to work specifically on "one of our most challenging forms of hemorrhage"—wounds in the areas where the legs and arms meet the torso, Pusateri said in an article posted on the command's web site.

XStat is useful in spots where a tourniquet can't be easily applied or when the wound is so deep that applied pressure from the outside won't stop the bleeding.

It's not intended to be used for wounds on most of the torso, neck and head, where expanding sponges could do more harm than good on critical organs and primary blood vessels.

Each sponge also has a radioactive marker that can be detected by X-ray so none is inadvertently



XStat uses compressed sponge disks about the size of antacid tablets. The crosses on the disks can be detected by X-ray so that sponges are not inadvertently lost inside the body.

left in the body after hospital treatment.

Steinbaugh said it will take about six months to reach full production, and XStat is only approved for military use for now.

Steinbaugh, a former Army medic, spent extensive time in Iraq and Afghanistan and remains in contact with many active-duty and former medics

—many who provide feedback on RevMedx's prototypes.

Medics are often frustrated with using "off-the-shelf" medical items that haven't been modified for the battlefield, he said.

"So medics were forced for years to just use something that was designed for an ambulance or an emergency room, and a medic on the battlefield would literally tear it out of the packaging and rip out the parts he wants and throw the rest away," Steinbaugh said. "No one was making anything specific for pre-hospital combat trauma."

RevMedx has made that a niche focus, and it has other life-saving medical devices in the pipeline. The military is testing the company's inflatable bandage that keeps pressure on a wound to stop bleeding, similar to the way a medic presses with his hands.

Once a medic sends a wounded fighter to the hospital, there's often no one to keep that pressure on, and bleeding can continue.

"When the air bladder is inflated, it puts pressure downward, which is basically the same as the medic putting his weight down on the bandage," Steinbaugh said.

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# New DOD report focuses on sexual harassment

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WASHINGTON — Active duty and National Guard troops reported nearly 1,400 incidents of sexual harassment in 2013, according to a Pentagon report on sexual harassment released Thursday — the department's first overall look at the issue.

While the Pentagon has tracked criminal sexual assault reports for years and is conducting surveys to estimate how many rapes and other assaults go unreported, the services have been tracking sexual harassment separately.

But because of a requirement in 2013 National Defense Authorization Act, sexual harassment — defined as a form of discrimination rather than a direct assault — will be tracked annually across the Department of Defense using standard methodology.

Although the numbers in the new report are low compared with the totals for sexual assault in the Department of Defense, the report establishes a baseline, and the military will establish policies in coming months to eliminate barriers to reporting sexual harassment, defense officials said.

Sexual assault reports have increased in DOD in recent years, with the total jumping about 50 percent in 2013 from the previous year, according to recent DOD data.

There is a clear relationship between sexual harassment and assault, a defense official who spoke to reporters on the condition of

anonymity said. According to a 2012 DOD survey on workplace and gender relations, nearly 30 percent of women and 19 percent of men who reported being sexually assaulted said their attackers also had sexually harassed them.

"We know there's a nexus between sexual harassment and sexual assault," the official said.

DOD will be working to understand that relationship better, as well as to reduce the incidence of sexual harassment, the official said.

Among the report's other findings:

- Of 1,366 reported incidents of sexual harassment among active duty troops and National Guard members, 806 were substantiated. Another 32.5 percent were not substantiated, and 11.5 percent were pending at the end of fiscal year 2013.

- Claimants were predominantly female enlisted members in pay grades E-1 to E-4.

- Offenders were predominantly men from the same unit as the victim, and slightly more than half were NCOs.

- The greatest number of incidents took place on military installations.

- Just over half of the substantiated allegations of sexual harassment were for crude and offensive behavior, or "offensive or embarrassing verbal or non-verbal behaviors of a sexual nature," according to the report.

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## Agent Orange residue exposure to be studied

SALEM, Ore. — The U.S. Veterans Affairs Department has long resisted disability claims from servicemen who said chemical residue left in Vietnam War-era planes that were used to spray defoliants over Southeast Asia caused them severe illnesses, including cancer.

This year, a panel of independent scientists will try to determine whether those veterans could have been exposed to the

toxins in defoliants, including Agent Orange, at a level that would be dangerous to their health.

If the panel finds a link, the servicemen could be eligible for tax-free disability compensation up to several thousand dollars per month.

The military stopped the spraying by early 1971 over concerns that some defoliants contained compounds harmful to humans. Air Force Reserve units in the U.S. continued to fly them on cargo and medevac missions until the early 1980s.

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## MILITARY

# AF to test sabbatical program for airmen

By JENNIFER H. SVAN  
Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — A limited number of airmen wanting to start families, earn law degrees or accomplish life goals that are not achievable while on active duty may soon have the option of taking long sabbaticals without sacrificing their careers.

A new Air Force pilot program will enable up to 40 airmen per year to step away from their military jobs for one to three years. The goal of the Career Intermission Pilot Program is to provide airmen with a one-time opportunity to meet personal or professional needs outside the service and then to return seamlessly to active duty, according to an Air Force memorandum.

Congress first authorized the military services to implement a career intermission program in 2009. Until now, the Navy was the only branch of the military to offer the

program, introducing it five years ago and extending it for three more years in 2012.

Lt. Gen. Samuel Cox, the Air Force's deputy chief of manpower, personnel and services, announced that the Air Force would try the program during a breakfast on Thursday in Arlington, Va., sponsored by the Air Force Association.

AFA reported the announcement Friday in its online magazine. An Air Force spokeswoman at the Pentagon confirmed the announcement.

Air Force officials said the service was still working through some of the details of the program. Cox at the breakfast said the program could benefit women who otherwise might end their military careers to start families. "Why don't we have a program that allows them, in some cases, to separate from the Air Force for a short period of time, get the family started, then come back," Cox said, according to the AFA

Magazine report.

Under normal circumstances, a female airman currently is authorized about 42 days of maternity leave after the birth of a child.

The program would be open to up to 20 officers and 20 enlisted personnel each year, through 2015, according to Air Force guidance. An airman during the time off would move from active duty to the Individual Ready Reserve. The airman and eligible dependents would retain military medical and dental benefits, and the airman would receive a monthly stipend equal to one-fifth of monthly basic pay, according to Air Force guidance. Upon return to active duty, date of retirement would be adjusted by the number of days the airman was on sabbatical.

The program aims to hang on to talented airmen who might otherwise choose to leave the service to pursue other goals.

"The long-term intent of this program is to retain the valuable experience and training of top performing airmen that might otherwise be lost by permanent separation," Air Force guidance on the program said. "Air Force guidance on the program said the USAF to retain talent which reduces cost and adverse impacts on the mission."

In selecting candidates for the program, the Air Force will assess an airman's potential to serve the Air Force in the future, looking at such factors as job performance, professional qualities, leadership, and depth and breadth of experience, according to the guidance. An applicant's intended use of the career pause also will be considered.

No timeline has been set yet for the program's implementation, according to the AFA Magazine report.

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## At Pentagon, Chinese general warns U.S. on disputes

By CHRIS CARROLL  
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WASHINGTON — The chief of China's military warned Thursday that the United States should stay "objective" concerning China's territorial disputes with its neighbors or risk damaging ties between the two countries.

Speaking at the Pentagon alongside Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey, Gen. Fang Fenghui said China isn't to blame for rising tensions in the region. But he promised the country would do what's necessary to protect a disputed oil platform in waters claimed by both China and Vietnam.

China recently moved the drilling platform into an area Vietnam says is its exclusive economic zone under international law, sparking deadly protests in Vietnam. But Fang declared Thursday the territory had been "passed down by our ancestors" and that China would not concede "an inch."

"We believe that the ones that are provoking those issues in the South China Sea [are] not China, but certain countries that are attempting to gain their own interests, because they believe

that China is now developing its economy and the United States is adopting this Asia-Pacific rebalancing strategy," he said.

Dempsey avoided sparring with Fang before reporters over China's muscle-flexing, but said the two had "rich" discussions earlier in the day about what exactly is the status of and who has been seeking to change it.

Michael Auslin, an Asia expert at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, said the risk of armed conflict between China and Vietnam over the oil rig remains high.

"It would not be at all surprising if an accident happened that caused a loss of life," he told Stars and Stripes. "The Vietnamese, quite frankly, have made very clear that they don't back down — they don't back down to anyone."

Auslin said China's aggressive actions and rhetoric toward Vietnam are part of a larger Chinese strategy.

"Each step is designed by China not to provoke conflict, of course, but to change the understanding of the status quo, so that if they get away with it in Vietnamese waters, then they continue to build these oil rigs in other waters and use the same tactic of claim-



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**Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, right, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Chinese Gen. Fang Fenghui, chief of China's General Staff, take part in Thursday's full-honors arrival ceremony at the Pentagon.**

ing that this is really Chinese territory," according to Auslin. "It's salami-slicing ... China is across

the board attempting to create a new type of understanding of the territory that is its own or over which it should have control."

In addition to discussion of territorial disputes and regional tensions, Fang and Dempsey said they discussed ways to increase U.S.-China military-to-military cooperation. Fang arrived in the U.S. on Tuesday at the start of a five-day visit, which will include touring the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan and one of the new U.S. littoral combat ships.

Fang said the U.S. rebalance had emboldened U.S. allies and partners who are now looking to leverage an increased U.S. military emphasis on the region to take advantage of China.

For example, Fang said, Japan's "purchasing" of the disputed Diaoyu Islands — known as the Senkaku Islands in Japan — came after the announcement of the rebalance.

The United States repeatedly has said it does not take a side in the territorial dispute, but President Barack Obama said on a recent trip to Japan that the U.S.-Japan mutual security treaty applies to the islands, which Japan controls.

China takes its territorial rights

seriously and won't let them be constrained, Fang said.

"We do not make trouble, we do not create trouble" he said, "but we are not afraid of trouble."

While in Washington, Fang met with relatives of American troops who helped Chinese forces fight the Japanese during World War II, including relatives of Gen. Joseph Stilwell, who led American forces in the China-Burma-India theater; and Nell Calloway, the granddaughter of Gen. Claire Lee Chennault, who commanded the notorious "Flying Tigers." Fang also met Jay Vinyard, 90, a former pilot who flew "The Hump" over the Himalayas between India and China.

"The Chinese people will never forget those who made all the outstanding contributions during the war, who fought fascism, who sacrificed their lives and were never able to come back home," Fang said, according to China Daily, the largest English-language newspaper in China.

At the Pentagon, Fang compared China to an assassin, but a "peaceful, cordial and civilized lion."

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## Japanese anti-war demonstrations planned at military facilities

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Japanese anti-war protesters will converge on U.S. and Japanese military installations this weekend to mark the 42nd anniversary of Okinawa's reversion from American control back to Japan.

Organizers expect upwards of 3,000 protesters from across Japan to attend the annual three-day protest march, which began Friday morning at Henoko, site of a controversial runway expansion to support air operations that are scheduled to move from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma to

Camp Schwab.

Camp Hansen and Torii Station were on the march route Friday, followed by Camp Courtney, Kadena Air Base and Camp Foster on Saturday. The rally will culminate with protesters encircling Futenma on Sunday and holding a rally at Ginowan Beachside Park.

The rally, dubbed Peace Action 2014, is being held to protest the runway project, according to organizer Satoru Oshiro of the Okinawa Peace Activity Center. Drilling surveys are expected to start next month with actual construction planned for later this year.

"Besides a new Self-Defense Force base

being built in Yonaguni, military bases — both U.S. military and the Self-Defense Force — are being fortified, changing Japan to a country that can wage war," Oshiro said. "We must stop this current at all costs."

Oshiro's comments came Wednesday, a day before Prime Minister Shinzo Abe made a nationally televised plea to revisit Japan's pacifist constitution so the country could defend its allies in combat.

Oshiro criticized the Tokyo government for ignoring the voices of Okinawans.

Marine Corps officials on Okinawa advised SOFA status personnel to avoid the protests if possible.

"The Marine Corps understands that the local police departments and other government of Japan officials have taken necessary measures to provide access to Marine Corps facilities and areas in Okinawa," Marine officials said in a statement to Stars and Stripes. "We look forward to their continued cooperation and support to ensure public safety."

The protest march will also be stopping at Japanese Self-Defense bases, Okinawa City Hall and sites from Japan's imperial past, like Peace Prayer Park in Itohan and the Imperial Army's underground headquarters site in Haeburu.

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CHARA WYNES/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

## Lift, flip, repeat

A joint military team completes the tire flip portion of an evasion challenge Thursday during National Police Week at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. The evasion challenge is one of several events to honor survivors and law enforcement members that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

## Vets advocates sue for base access

The Associated Press

DENVER — Two veterans who advocate for injured or mentally ill soldiers filed a lawsuit saying they have been illegally barred from Fort Carson.

The lawsuit, filed in Denver federal court, says Robert Alvarez and Andrew Pogany were told in November 2012 their presence disrupted "good order and discipline" on the post. They say they were given no specifics.

The men said they had been on Fort Carson several times before the ban and had experienced no problems.

Alvarez and Pogany said Fort Carson later falsely accused them of physically interfering in a personnel proceeding and of coaching a soldier to fake mental illness.

The lawsuit was filed Monday in Denver federal court. Officials at Fort Carson, an infantry post out-

side Colorado Springs, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday.

Alvarez, a Marine Corps veteran, and Pogany, who served in the Army, said they help soldiers get medical benefits and avoid being kicked out or disciplined for conduct they blame on service-related injuries or mental illness.

They work for free and sometimes work alongside military and civilian attorneys, the men said.

They started working together in about 2008 and by 2011 identified a pattern of the Army expelling soldiers for misconduct, even though they suffered from traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress injury, mental illness or other service-related health problems, the lawsuit says.

They need access to Fort Carson because many of their clients live there and courts-martial and administrative proceedings take place there, the lawsuit says.

## Armed Forces appeals court hears claims that Chantix to blame in '08 murder case

By MICHAEL DOYLE

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The 2008 homicide of Rick Bulmer riveted the nation's top military appeals court Tuesday, as judges weighed the killer's claims that he'd snapped under the influence of a potent anti-smoking drug called Chantix.

A convict's chance for freedom, a family's fight for punishment and a company's efforts to keep its secrets are all at stake.

During a 40-minute oral argument, judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces sounded sympathetic to at least some claims made by George D.B. MacDonald, the former Army paratrooper convicted of murder.

In particular, several judges seemed inclined to agree that the original trial judge had fumbled when he refused to instruct jurors about the potential defense of involuntary intoxication.

"It certainly was error not to give the instruction," Judge

Scott W. Stucky said, adding later that "you have a unique defense here, which is not based on junk science."

If the military appeals court decides that the trial judge erred and that this error was prejudicial, MacDonald might get a new trial. He's currently serving life without possibility of parole.

MacDonald attacked Bulmer while the 23-year-old Fresno, Calif., native was sleeping in a Fort Benning, Ga., barracks. MacDonald stabbed or slashed Bulmer more than 50 times before fleeing. Prosecutors cite this escape attempt as evidence that MacDonald could tell the difference between right and wrong.

"He understood he was killing a human being," Army Capt. Daniel M. Goldberg told the court Tuesday. "If he thought that what he was doing was right, or wasn't wrong, he would have continued doing it."

A New York City native, MacDonald in 2008 was an Eagle Scout, an honor graduate of the

Army's Airborne School and on his way to enroll at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School.

"He was a golden boy," Stucky said Tuesday. "He was going places."

In April 2008, a physician prescribed Chantix to help MacDonald quit smoking. MacDonald said he began experiencing unusual dreams and strange feelings. A month after starting the drug, he attacked Bulmer, without provocation.

Some have blamed the prescription pill for suicides, suicidal thoughts or other psychiatric problems. More than 2,000 joined in lawsuits against Pfizer, the drug's manufacturer. Most have since been settled, at a cost to Pfizer of at least \$299 million.

In a previous statement to McClatchy, Pfizer said, "It is important to note that there is no reliable scientific evidence that Chantix causes serious neuropsychiatric events, including those at issue here."

## Suicide-prevention method, cost have foes in Congress

By GREG JAFFE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military's Special Operations Command has come up with an unorthodox and aggressive plan to deal with the alarming rise in suicides among America's top commandos.

The premise: A strong, resilient body will lead to a stronger, more resilient mind.

The problem: Lawmakers who are being asked to fund it think it is a misguided idea.

In the context of the massive defense budget, the disagreement over a relatively small amount of money — about \$23 million — has turned into a surprisingly heated spat between lawmakers and a command that for the past 12 years has been accustomed to having the Pentagon and Congress grant its requests.

The suicide rate among special operators, which include the Navy SEALs, Army Rangers and Green Beret Special Forces, is said by commanders to be at its highest level since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and now exceeds the levels for regular forces, according to lawmakers. Last month, Adm. William McRaven, who leads the Tampa, Fla.-based command, said in a speech that reducing the suicide rate is his "No. 1 priority."

To deal with the problem, McRaven and other top special operations officials broke from the playbook used by their brethren in the regular Army and Marine Corps, who have poured money into hiring extra mental health counselors, psychiatrists and psychologists. Instead, the command asked Congress for \$48 million in

2015 to hire physical therapists, dietitians, sports psychologists and strength and conditioning specialists to work with troops.

"This is a unique solution to building resiliency," said one senior special operations official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "You get guys who are healthy physically, and they have less problems."

For lawmakers on the House Armed Services Committee, the budget request is further evidence that Special Operations Command has not grasped the roots of the problem. They redirected \$23 million from the command's request to pay for more mental health experts and blasted the commandos for recalcitrance.

"The committee is concerned that targeted suicide prevent programs within the command remain nascent and slow moving given the troubling suicide statistics across the forces," according to the House Armed Services Committee's version of the 2015 defense bill.

The command's senior leaders have fought back, arguing that desk-bound lawmakers do not understand the mindset of hard-charging commandos or the unrelenting physical demands of their jobs. They also say that the money they are requesting for their unconventional effort, which is known inside SOCOM as the Human Performance Program, is a relative pittance, costing only \$2,200 per year for each special operator in the command. By contrast, the command spends about \$500,000 to train each of its special operators over a three- to five-year period.

## Former Navy chief sentenced in scam

GULFPORT, Miss. — A former Navy senior chief has been sentenced to prison for 43 months and ordered to help repay more than \$61,000 obtained through false travel claims while he was stationed at the Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, Miss.

The Sun Herald reported U.S. District Judge Sul Ozerden sen-

tenced Carl E. Moore, 40, of Mid-dleton, R.I., on Thursday.

The judge also fined him \$2,000 and ordered three years of post-release supervision. Moore was among nine current or former Navy workers indicted last year on federal charges involving fraudulent travel claims while they were assigned to NMCCB 74 between June 2006 and November 2011. Moore pleaded guilty Feb. 24 to charges of conspiracy and aggravated identity theft.

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## NATION

# Health cost-control plan could cost you

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — You just might want to pay attention to the latest health insurance jargon. It could mean thousands of dollars out of your pocket.

The Obama administration has given the go-ahead for a new cost-control strategy called "reference pricing." It lets insurers and employers put a dollar limit on what health plans pay for some expensive procedures, such as knee and hip replacements.

Some experts worry that patients could be surprised with big medical bills they must pay themselves, undercutting financial protections in the new health care law. That would happen if patients picked a more expensive hospital — even if it's part of the insurer's network.

The administration's decision affects most job-based plans as well as the new insurance exchanges.

Other experts say reference pricing will help check rising premiums.

A recent policy ruling from the administration went to unusual lengths to acknowledge concerns, saying the pricing strategy "may be a subterfuge" for "otherwise prohibited limitations on coverage."

Nonetheless, the departments of Labor and Health and Human Services said reference pricing could continue. Plans must use a "reasonable method" to ensure "adequate access to quality providers." Regulators asked for public comment, saying they may publish additional guidance in the future.

HHS spokeswoman Erin Shields Britt said in a statement that the administration is monitoring the effects of reference pricing on access to quality services and will work to ensure that financial protections for consumers are not undermined.

One way the new approach is different is that it sets a dollar limit on what the health plan will pay for a given procedure. Most insurance now pays a percentage of costs, and those costs themselves can vary from hospital to hospital. Now if you pick a more expensive hospital, the insurance still pays the same percentage.

The new strategy works like this:

Your health insurance plan slaps a dollar limit on what it will pay for certain procedures, for example, hospital charges associ-

ated with knee and hip replacement operations. That's called the reference price.

Say the limit is \$30,000. The plan offers you a choice of hospitals within its provider network. If you pick one that charges \$40,000, you would owe \$10,000 to the hospital plus your regular cost-sharing for the \$30,000 that your plan covers.

The extra \$10,000 is treated like an out-of-network expense, and it doesn't count toward your plan's annual limit on out-of-pocket costs.

That's crucial because under the health care law, most plans have to pick up the entire cost of care after a patient hits the annual out-of-pocket limit, currently \$6,350

**‘The problem ... from the patient's perspective is that at the end of the day, that is who gets left holding the bag.’**

Karen Pollitz  
Kaiser Family  
Foundations

Some experts are concerned. "The problem ... from the patient's perspective is that at the end of the day, that is who gets left holding the bag," said Karen Pollitz of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

Previously a top consumer protection regulator in the Obama administration, Pollitz said the administration ruling amounts to a substantial change for consumers.

It's not on the radar yet for most people, but the new approach is gaining ground. The Mercer benefits consulting firm said 12 percent of the largest employers were using reference pricing last year, nearly double the 7 percent in 2012.

It's been pioneered in California by CalPERS, a giant agency that manages health and retirement benefits for public employees.

CalPERS started with knee and hip replacements in 2011, steering patients to hospitals that had been vetted for quality and charged \$30,000 or less.

confusion among county clerks expanded his ruling to remove all vestiges of same-sex marriage bans from the state's laws.

The marriages resumed on Thursday, a day after the Arkan-



Julie Schenecker looks at her family members as she is escorted out of the courtroom after being found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder on Thursday in Tampa, Fla.

## Mom convicted in teen deaths

By TAMARA LUSH  
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Jurors in the murder trial of a mother who fatally shot her two teenage children had to decide between two scenarios: the prosecution's argument that Julie Schenecker knew what she was doing when she aimed a .38-caliber handgun loaded with hollow-point bullets at her children's heads; or the defense's explanation that the former military linguist was legally insane at the time.

After two weeks of lengthy testimony, it took the jury less than two hours to convict the 53-year-old longtime Army officer's wife of first-degree murder in the January 2011 killings. She was

sentenced soon after to two life terms.

Before she was fingerprinted and led away, Schenecker turned to the courtroom to utter the only words the public would hear from her.

In the rambling statement, there was one person Schenecker didn't address specifically or apologize to by name: her ex-husband Parker Schenecker, father of the slain Beau, 13, and Cayla, 16.

If Parker Schenecker noticed that, he didn't mention it when he talked to the news media in the courthouse following the trial.

"Today's decision for many reasons gives my family a great relief," he said.

Six expert witnesses for the defense had described Schenecker

as a mentally ill woman with bipolar disorder, depression and psychotic episodes.

But prosecutor Jay Pruner spent his closing arguments describing a calculating woman who plotted to buy the gun, waited three days for a background check and detailed her thoughts about the killings in a journal beforehand.

She killed the children, he said, because she was angry at her husband, Parker Schenecker — a career military man who was deployed in the Middle East when the killings took place. Pruner said Schenecker was angry that her husband had left her in a rehab facility over Thanksgiving and that he wanted to curtail her drinking.

## Families evacuated from Marine base

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Wildfires ravaging parts of Southern California have forced evacuations at military facilities, while the Defense Department assisted civilian emergency responders in battling the flames.

One large blaze known as the "Tumahawk Fire" forced closures and evacuations at portions of Camp Pendleton and Naval Weapons Station Fallbrook, Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren told reporters Friday. The fire burned 6,300 acres at Pendleton, and 356 families were forced to move to shelters on the other side

of the base. More than 380 military and civilian firefighters are trying to put out the flames at Pendleton, according to Warren.

A Camp Pendleton Fire Department firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion, according to The Associated Press. On Friday, base officials reportedly told KGTV that the Tumahawk Fire was 10 percent contained.

Other military assets are also involved in "fire suppression operations" in the area, Warren said. DOD has contributed helicopters to the effort, including five Marine Corps CH-53 Super Stallions, eight Marine Corps MH-60 Chinooks, and six Navy MH-60

Seahawks. And approximately 50 firefighters and five fire trucks from Navy bases at Coronado, San Diego, Point Loma, and El Centro are supporting neighboring civilian firefighters.

A flare-up Thursday in the San Diego suburb of San Marcos led to more than 18,000 new evacuation notices on Thursday, and only 10 percent of the fire had been contained as of Friday morning. Other evacuation orders were lifted Friday morning in other parts of San Diego County as fire crews worked to contain the threat, according to the AP.

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## State judge strikes all Arkansas bans on same-sex marriage

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Gay marriages quickly resumed in Arkansas after a state judge whose previous order had sown

sas Supreme Court said that a law that kept clerks from issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples remained on the books, despite the ruling last week by Circuit Judge Chris Piazza that

declared gay marriage bans unconstitutional.

Piazza revised his order Thursday, saying no one in the state was harmed by the 456 marriage licenses issued to same-sex cou-

ples after his order and until the Supreme Court ruled.

He rejected the state's request to sue his decision on hold, saying gay couples would be harmed by that action.



## NATION

# FCC votes to go forward with Internet rules

By BREE FOWLER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Federal Communications Commission on Thursday voted to go forward with the proposal of new rules that could set standards for Internet providers who wish to create paid priority fast lanes on their networks.

The preliminary vote, in which three of the agency's commissioners supported the measure and two dissented, moves the so-called "net neutrality" rules into

a formal, public-comment period. After the 120-day period ends, the FCC will revise the proposal and vote on a final set of rules. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has said he wants the rules in place by the end of this year.

"Today we take another step in what has been a decade-long effort to protect a free and open Internet," Wheeler, a Democrat, said before the vote.

But the idea of allowing priority access, even if it's regulated by the government, has received heavy criticism from many com-

panies that do business online, along with open Internet advocates. Outside the hearing, protesters banged drums and held up signs calling for net neutrality. At least one was ushered out of the hearing after standing up and yelling at the commissioners.

Commissioner Michael O'Rielly, who voted no, called the proposed rules a "regulatory boondoggle," arguing that supporters of the rules haven't shown they will help consumers.

And Commissioner Ajit Pai,

who also voted no, said the issue would be better decided by Congress than by five unelected officials. But because the issue has fallen on the commission, he argued that a group of economists from across the country should do peer-reviewed studies and host a series of public hearings to hammer out their differences before a decision is made.

"In short, getting the future of the Internet right is more important than getting this done right now," Pai said.

A previous set of rules from 2010 was struck down by an appeals court in January after Verizon challenged them. The FCC says the rules currently proposed follow the blueprint set forth by that court decision.

In addition, the commission will consider the possibility of defining Internet service providers as "common carriers," like telephone companies, which are subject to greater regulation than Internet providers, under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.



MIKE GROLL/AP

From left, Lara Russo, Cally Guasti and Reese Werkhoven sit Thursday in their apartment in New Palitz, N.Y., on a couch they purchased at a Salvation Army store and found \$40,800 stashed inside.

## Trio find \$40K in used sofa, return it to former owner

By MICHAEL HILL  
The Associated Press

NEW PALITZ, N.Y. — For all the screaming and carrying on, their neighbors thought they'd won the lottery. But it was a lumpy, old sofa stuffed with \$40,000 in cash that had three young roommates raising a ruckus.

And here's the other side of the ticket: They returned the money to the 91-year-old widow whose couch had been given away.

"We just pulled out envelopes and envelopes," said Cally Guasti, a social worker with Family of Woodstock who shares an apartment with two friends in New Palitz, 75 miles north of New York City. "My mouth was literally hanging open — everybody's was — it was an unfathomable amount."

Guasti told The Associated Press on Thursday that she and

her friends had bought the beaten-up couch and a chair for \$55 at a Salvation Army thrift shop in March. They noticed the arm cushions were weirdly lumpy. Then, one night in April, one of them, State University of New York at New Palitz student Reese Werkhoven, opened a zipper on one arm and found an envelope.

It contained \$4,000 in bubble-wrapped bills.

Guasti, Werkhoven and roommate Lara Russo opened the other arm zipper and started mining the treasure stashed inside. They counted it: \$40,800.

"Honestly, I was a little overwhelmed," Russo said. "I wanted to put it back in the couch and like re-find it in the morning when I can process it better."

Guasti said they spread the money on the bed and started counting.

"And we were screaming," she

said. "In the morning, our neighbors were like, 'We thought you won the lottery.'"

Mixed in with the cash was a deposit slip with a woman's name on it. Werkhoven called her the next morning.

"She said, 'I have a lot of money in that couch and I really need it,'" Guasti said.

They drove to the home of the woman, who turned out to be the elderly woman. She cried in gratitude when they gave her the cash she had hidden away.

The woman's family had donated the couch to the Salvation Army while she was having health problems.

"It's not our money, said Werkhoven, of New York. "We didn't have any right to it."

Guasti said the cash simply wasn't theirs. "I think if any of us had used it, it would have felt really wrong."

## Protests over fast-food pay spread overseas

By CANDICE CHOI  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Labor organizers turned up the pressure on McDonald's and other fast-food chains to raise worker pay on Thursday, with plans to stage actions in more than 30 countries.

The demonstrations build on a campaign by unions to bring attention to the plight of low-wage workers and get the public behind the idea of a \$15-per-hour wage.

Industry groups say such pay hikes would hurt their ability to create jobs and note that many of the participants are not workers.

The protests are being backed by the Service Employees International Union and began in New York City in late 2012. Since then, organizers have steadily ramped up actions to keep the issue in the spotlight.

In March, for instance, lawsuits filed in three states accused McDonald's of denying breaks and engaging in other practices that deprive employees of their rightful pay. Workers were referred to lawyers by union organizers, who announced protests over "wage

theft" the following week.

Organizers say workers went on strike in 150 U.S. cities on Thursday, including 20 at a restaurant in St. Louis that had to temporarily close as a result. But turnouts have varied and the scope of actions planned for overseas also differed depending on the country.

In Denmark, McDonald's worker Louise Marie Rantzu said a collective agreement with McDonald's in the country prevents workers from protesting the chain. Rantzu, who earns about \$21 an hour under the agreement, said she and others planned to demonstrate outside Burger King or other restaurants and post photos on social media.

Images on social media showed workers demonstrating in places including Dublin and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

In New York City, a couple of hundred demonstrators beat drums, blew whistles and chanted in the rain outside a Domino's for about a half-hour. Among those who took turns speaking were local lawmakers, community leaders and fast-food workers.

## Police unions push for workers' comp for PTSD

The Associated Press

DENVER — Police unions across the U.S. are pushing for officers to be able to collect workers' compensation benefits if they suffer post-traumatic stress disorder, whether they got it from the general stress of police work or from responding to a deadly shooting rampage.

"I can't imagine a department in the United States without officers who have symptoms of PTSD and are still working," said Ron Clark, chairman of the Badge of Life, a group of active and retired officers working to raise awareness of police stress and suicide prevention.

But some police chiefs and municipal leaders oppose lawmakers'

efforts, even in states such as Connecticut and Colorado, the scenes of some of the deadliest massacres in recent years. They say they are concerned the benefits would strain budgets and would lead to frivolous claims.

Connecticut allows police and firefighters to collect workers' compensation if they use deadly force or witness a colleague's death. New legislation would expand it to all municipal employees diagnosed with PTSD after witnessing a violent event or its aftermaths.

Federal employees and military members can collect compensation if a psychiatrist finds PTSD symptoms. But most states require officers and firefighters to be an accompanying physical injury.

# WORLD



EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP

Workers clear away debris in a government building May 16 in the eastern Ukrainian city of Mariupol. Local patrols by steelworkers have forced pro-Russia insurgents to retreat from the government buildings they had seized there, giving residents hope that a wave of anarchy was over.

## Pro-Russian insurgents retreat in Ukraine's east

By YURAS KARMANAU  
The Associated Press

MARIUPOL, Ukraine — Local patrols by steelworkers have forced pro-Russia insurgents to retreat from the government buildings they had seized in a major city in eastern Ukraine, giving residents hope that a wave of anarchy was over.

In a report Friday, the United Nations raised concern about the increasing human rights abuses in eastern Ukraine as armed groups took advantage of the breakdown in law and order.

Mariupol is the second-largest city in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region — one of two regions that declared independence Monday from the central government in Kiev. Citizen patrols began there earlier this week as Rinat Akhmetov, Ukraine's richest man, urged steelworkers at his factories to help police restore order.

On Thursday, Akhmetov's company, Metinvest, agreed with steel plant directors, police and com-

munity leaders to help improve security in the city and get insurgents to vacate the buildings they had seized. A representative of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic, which had declared independence, was also a party to the deal.

Metinvest has two steel plants in Mariupol, a city of half a million people. The port and industrial center lies on the main road between Russia and Crimea, the peninsula annexed by Moscow in March. The city saw heavy fighting in the past weeks, including a shootout outside a police station that left one policeman and several insurgents dead. Without the city, Ukraine would lose a chunk of its coastline on the Sea of Azov, which links to the Black Sea.

The Associated Press journalists did not see any insurgents Friday morning in the city.

Several dozen Metinvest workers in overalls and helmets cleared out barricades of rubbish and tires outside the Mariupol government building Friday. Trucks carried it away and by midday, the barricades were nearly gone.

## American mercenaries in Ukraine? Russia waging effective propaganda war

By MATTHEW SCHOFIELD  
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BERLIN — In eastern Ukraine, among pro-Russian separatists, the notion that elite American fighters are prowling the back roads and slag heaps of their region is old-repeated. After first surfacing in March, the rumors sounded like the sort of paranoid fantasies created in a war zone where anti-Americanism is rampant.

But now the rumors are being repeated in Germany's capital and resonating. That alone might count as a victory for Russian propagandists, even if there are no American mercenaries. The White House says there are not.

Bild am Sonntag, a tabloid-like newspaper that occasionally breaks major stories on the German government, is reporting that German intelligence has told Chancellor Angela Merkel's office that it had unconfirmed reports that 400 Americans appear to be aiding the interim Ukrainian government in its fight against pro-Russian separatists. According to Bild, the German intelligence agency cited U.S. intelligence officials as its source.

The report, which appeared Sunday, has since been repeated by nearly every German news outlet. The allegation that the information was presented to the chancellor's office in a weekly briefing in April lends it gravitas. That such reports in Bild on more than one occasion have proved true bolsters its credibility. The chancellor's office and the German intelligence service have declined to either confirm or deny, a development that leaves an atmosphere of doubt in a country where tensions are rife about just how much Germany should be at Russia's actions in Ukraine — fueled in no small part by German reliance on Russian natural gas and oil and the extensive business ties between the two nations.

"We've told Bild and other outlets that these stories are nonsense," Catlin Hayden, the

national security spokeswoman for the White House, said Wednesday. "The company in question has been on record denying it for almost two months."

The Russians couldn't hope for more.

Ukrainian experts and officials note that Russia has been waging a decade-long propaganda war to sour Ukrainians on the government in Kiev, and this report fits right into Russia's hopes to reduce international pressure on it. Russia has been widely accused of funding, supporting and supplying officers to the pro-Russian separatists in the Donetsk Oblast, or region, of eastern Ukraine. To be able to show that the United States, even in the form of mercenaries, are active on behalf of Kiev would to many further justify Russian actions.

According to Bild, the German intelligence agency Bundesnachrichtendienst, or BND, said the mercenaries were hired from Academi, an international security firm that rose from the scandal-ridden ashes of Blackwater, the now defunct company that made headlines worldwide for its alleged questionable ways in Iraq, where its contractors were accused, among other things, of killing 17 Iraqi civilians in a shooting spree in Baghdad's Ni-souri Square.

Bild reported that the BND said that the 400 Academi "elite" soldiers are thought to have been part of operations against pro-Russian separatists around Slovyansk, the eastern Ukrainian city that has been the scene of fierce fighting between separatists and Ukrainian security forces.

Academi officials could not be reached for comment, but in March when the rumors first began circulating they posted an official denial on their website.

Süddeutsche Zeitung columnist Hubert Wetzl on Wednesday described the rumors as potentially devastating for the Western cause in Ukraine.

## Nigerian leader cancels trip to girls' town amid security concerns

By HARUNA UMAR and MICHELLE FAUL  
The Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — Amid apparent security concerns, Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan canceled a trip Friday to the traumatized town from which Islamic extremists abducted more than 300 schoolgirls a month ago.

It would have been the first reported visit by the president to the scene of an attack in the northeastern region that has suffered for five years the increasingly deadly assaults by Nigeria's homegrown Boko Haram terrorist network.

Jonathan, a Christian from the south, has been accused of insensitivity to the plight of the mainly Muslim northerners. Thousands have been killed over the years and more than 1,500 civilians have died in the insurgency this year alone.

Two officials in the presidency confirmed the cancellation, saying there were apparent concerns about security after news of the planned trip was leaked to the media and published on front pages of newspapers Friday. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

Jonathan had been expected to fly on one of his presidential jets from Abuja, the capital in central Nigeria, to Maiduguri, the Borno state capital in the northeast, and then be transported by military helicopter to the town of Chibok, 80 miles to the south.

The road from Maiduguri to Chibok passes by the Sambisa forest to which the girls' first were taken that is a known hideout of the insurgents and has been at-

tacked many times. Soldiers say 12 troops were killed in an ambush on that road on Monday night. The Defense Ministry said four soldiers were killed in a firefight on the outskirts of Chibok that night.

Soldiers revolted and opened fire on the car of a commanding officer who came to pay respects to the bodies brought to a Maiduguri barracks on Tuesday, said the soldiers, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The commander was unharmed.

There have been other incidents in which Nigerian troops are near murder, complaining that they are outnumbered and outgunned by the insurgents, are not properly paid and have to scavenge for food in the bush.

The weakness of the Nigerian military was described Thursday by Alice Friend, the U.S. Department of Defense director for African affairs at a hearing about the

kidnapped girls and the threat posed by Boko Haram.

"And so we're now looking at a military force that's, quite frankly, becoming afraid to even engage" the enemy, she told the U.S. Senate subcommittee on African Affairs in Washington.

She also said "much of the funding" for Nigeria's military is "skimmed off the top" by corrupt officers.

In Chibok, community leader Pogu Bitrus had said on Friday that though residents had been angry at Jonathan's slow response to the girls' plight, they did not hold it against the president and considered his visit "better late than never."

Boko Haram insurgents on April 15 abducted more than 300 students from the Chibok Government Girls Secondary School. Police say 53 managed to escape and 276 remain in captivity.



Jonathan

## WORLD

# Balkans evacuate thousands in floods

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Samira Mahmic thought she was getting her life back when she was winched into a helicopter with her 10-year-old son clinging to her amid the worst flooding in more than a century in the Balkans.

But she froze when she realized the helicopter was now fully loaded and she looked down to see her 17-year-old daughter Amina, watching in disbelief as the aircraft left her behind on a roof sticking out of a sea of water.

"I thought they would go back but it got too late last night," Mahmic said Friday.

Luckily her daughter's mobile phone still had some battery Friday morning and Mahmic was able to reassure herself that her daughter and husband were both still alive.

"It's Judgment Day in Maglaj," Mahmic said of her northern Bosnian hometown that was hit by the heaviest rainfall since measuring started 120 years ago.

Rain-swollen rivers across the Balkans have flooded roads, cut off power and caused more than 200 landslides.

Both Bosnia and Serbia have requested international help. The EU said its Civil Protection Mechanism has been activated



MARKO DROBNJAKOVIC/AP

**A man carries his daughter from their home hit by floods Thursday near Belgrade, Serbia. The country has evacuated over 6,000 residents.**

and Germany, Bulgaria, Austria and Slovenia have already offered assistance.

"In three days, as much rain fell as normally falls in three months," said Goran Mihajlovic, of Serbia's Meteorological Institute. "Statistically, such rainfall happens once in 100 years." In Serbia 6,000 people have been forced out of their homes. A Rus-



AMEL EMRIG/AP

**Members of the Bosnian army rescue people from their flooded homes in Maglaj, about 90 miles north of Sarajevo, on Friday. The town was hit by the heaviest rainfall in 120 years.**

sian emergency team has flown in to join the rescue efforts. In Bosnia, the EU force and the Bosnian Army are waiting for improved visibility to resume helicopter evacuations.

Mahmic sobbed as she described seeing from the helicopter

on Thursday people on roofs and balconies waving baby clothes, signaling they are trapped with small infants. Water had reached second floors.

Fahrudin Solak, the head of the rescue team trying to enter Maglaj by road, said for the third

night in a row his people were not getting out of bulldozers.

"We are just handing them sandwiches and juices as they are pushing the machines through the debris of a landslide," he said.

"But we will save that town," he added.



ALIAZ RANI/AP

**Bharatiya Janata Party supporters dance to celebrate partial election results outside their office in Bangalore, India, on Friday.**

## Indian opposition party heads for landslide victory

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Opposition leader Narendra Modi will be India's next prime minister, winning the most decisive election victory the country has seen in more than 25 years and sweeping the long-dominant Congress party from power, partial results showed Friday.

Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party was winning in 279 seats in the lower house of Parliament, beyond the 272-seat majority needed to create a government without forming a coalition with smaller parties, the Election Commission said.

Full results were expected later in the day but no significant reversal was expected.

The outcome was a crushing defeat for the Congress party, which is deeply entwined with the Nehru-Gandhi political dynasty that has been at the center of Indian politics for most of the country's post-independence history.

Modi, 63, will govern India at a time of deep social change as the youth population skyrockets, with many new voters far less deferential to traditional voting patterns focused on family lineage and caste.

## Iraq attacks kill 5 Sunni fighters

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Separate attacks in Iraq killed five members of an anti-militant Sunni militia on Friday as an al-Qaida splinter group claimed responsibility for a spate of Baghdad bombings that killed at least 19 people the day before.

Insurgents frequently attack members of the Sunni militia, also known as Sahwa, which joined forces with U.S. troops at the height of the Iraq war to fight al-Qaida.

In one of Friday's attacks, gunmen opened fire from a speeding

car, targeting a security checkpoint manned by anti-al-Qaida Sunni fighters near the town of Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad. Three Sunni fighters were killed and four were wounded in that attack, police officials said.

Hours later, a roadside bomb targeted a patrol of Sunni militiamen just north of Baghdad, killing two and wounding four.

Also Friday, in a statement posted on a militant website, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant said it had carried out attacks in the Iraqi capital the day before in retaliation for the military op-

erations against the city of Fallujah in western Anbar province. Fallujah has been in the hands of the Islamic State and other Sunni insurgents since last December.

Thursday's violence included bombings near several government offices and an outdoor market in Baghdad.

The statement's authenticity could not be independently verified but it appeared on websites commonly used by the group.

"We tell the spiteful Shiites and their government... that our lions are craving the taste of your flesh and blood," it said.

## Turkish mining firm denies negligence

The Associated Press

SOMA, Turkey — Senior Turkish officials denied allegations of lax government oversight and a Turkish mining company defended its safety record Friday, four days after at least 284 people died in an underground blaze at a coal mine in western Turkey.

The final death toll will be about 300, with 18 miners still missing, Energy Minister Taner Yildiz said.

The mining company's owner, Alp Gurkan, said he had spent his own money on improving

standards at the mine at Soma in western Turkey.

"There is no negligence," said Soma mine engineer Akin Celik. "I have been doing this job for 20 years but I have never seen anything like this. We would not want harm to come to a single finger-nail of our workers."

Turkey's worst mining disaster has set off public outrage at allegedly poor safety conditions at Turkish coal mines, widespread corruption and what some say is government indifference. "It's not an accident, it's murder," read a banner waved by trade unionists

who marched through the streets of Istanbul on Thursday.

Yildiz said Friday that anyone found to have been negligent about safety at the mine can expect punishment.

Huseyin Celik, a deputy leader of Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's ruling party, also defended the government's record.

"We have no inspection and supervision problem," he said. "This mine was inspected vigorously 11 times since 2009."

The mining company said the cause of the blaze was "an undetermined spark."



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**By KATHLEEN PARKER**  
**W**ASHINGTON When my neighbor gleefully reported that Bill Maher had dedicated a scathing monologue to me for a column about the Donald Sterling/Cliven Bundy rants, my first thought was, *Nah*. If I tussled with everybody who tossed a brick through the window, I'd never get the draperies hung.

My second thought was about something my father said to a drunk who was looking for a fight: "I'm too old to fight," my dad said, peering over his half-moon glasses. "But I'd be glad to step outside and kill you."

Dads.

I decided to respond to Maher because I agree with him on his central point that we should fight the scourge of privacy invasion.

But my point was a little different than Maher's characterization, if perhaps a little literal minded. One would think that someone who has so artfully mastered snark would recognize sarcasm, as when I wrote that "speaking one's mind isn't really all it's cracked up to be."

Assuring his audience that speaking his mind "is absolutely everything it's cracked up to be," to which I would only add "and much, much more,"

Maher said people would miss speaking their minds. Perhaps, but how would you know?

I think Bill, that you and I are talking about different minds. As noted in my column, any uncertainty about the value of always speaking one's mind vanishes upon reading online comments. Have you read yours?

Maher further objected to my suggestion that the potential for exposure by being unwittingly recorded forces us to select our words and edit our thoughts more carefully. But not all adults edit their words and thoughts to some degree? Oh, wait, no.

Southerners are perhaps too obsessed with trying never to offend while entertaining the most distasteful thoughts. Everyone knows that "beating your heart" means anything but, depending.

But Maher would rather be a Mormon than have to be "always editing," as he put it in his monologue. Listening to 100 horrific rants of Bundy, he added, would be better than being Mitt Romney.

Bill, Bill, Billy, honey. Obviously, the consequence of self-editing isn't to become a cliché. Sometimes it just means being a little bit clever.

Certainly, those un-clever fellows Sterling and Bundy would

be better off had they kept their thoughts to themselves. Do they have the right to express them? Absolutely, but the obvious consequences make my point. This isn't a matter of government oppression of free speech but of private citizens condemning their neighbors for expressing thoughts that have been historically harmful.

Yes, Bill, people should be able to think what they want in the privacy of their living rooms, not that our thoughts are necessarily good company. Most of them peddle unbidden from the unconscious and intrude upon our sense of order. Self-aware people examine those thoughts and wrestle them into submission. The rest are on TV. (Kidding, kidding, sheesh.)

Urging people to think before they speak is hardly East Germany, as Maher said. This is what parents teach their children every day. Don't write something in an email that you wouldn't want others to see. And while we're at it, don't post idiotic pictures on Facebook if you're looking for a job.

This is common-sense advice based on reality. It's too bad Sterling's "friend" recorded him saying offensive things. Too bad he thinks this way. Too bad he doesn't have better friends.

Maher wondered whether I

ever get together with my girlfriends, drink too much wine and say things I wouldn't want broadcast elsewhere. Well, yeah, that's why I call them friends. Indeed, I would be shocked if either of them ever repeated (or remembered) a word.

Finally, my point wasn't that we should surrender to Big Brother. As I've written and spoken often, we have become a dangerously voyeuristic society driven by the narcissistic urge to know and be known.

Translated: Basically, we're borderline sociopaths with a spy agency in our pockets.

Barring legal action against thought thieves posing as "friends," the solution is not so easily imagined. Until we conceive of one, it seems minimally rational to recognize that any electronic interaction carries risks.

In the spirit of modern friendship, meaning we're not really friends, I leave you, Bill, with an open invitation to stop by the Olive Street stoop next time you're in D.C. We'll drink too much wine and speak our minds freely with an assortment of neighbors who definitively will not bore you.

And I promise, I won't tell a soul.

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## Being firm against Putin not that easy

**By PETER GOLDMARK**  
Newsday

**I**n Ukraine, there's chaos. In Russia, Vladimir Putin, a shrewd master of strategy, appears to be riding a wave of popularity as he aims to expand Russian territory and influence. And in Western Europe, there is disarray.

The United States has imposed economic sanctions on Russia. European countries have not joined that course of action wholeheartedly, declining to act with the United States in imposing sanctions on Russian companies.

Europe has a completely different relationship with Russia than the U.S., said Stefan Meister, senior fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations. "It is much more economically interdependent with Russia. ... We still have (an economic) crisis in Europe, and every country will look for its own interests, and every country has a veto."

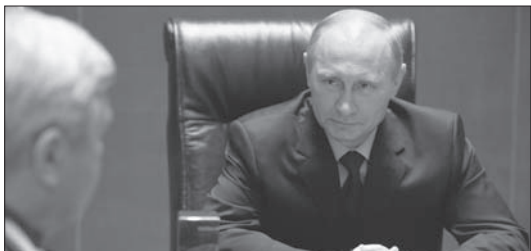
In one European poll, less than half of those interviewed supported sanctions against Russia.

Chaos and confusion in foreign affairs often present the opportunity for big mistakes. And the blunders can have dangerous consequences when military, self-appointed gangs and nationalistic passions are involved. It is ironic that the chaos in Ukraine is erupting on the 100th anniversary of the lead-in to World War I.

The lessons of history are simple to recite, but difficult to apply:

■ Lesson one: Make sure you have the facts on the ground right. It is axiomatic in such situations that initial "information" will be incomplete, and sometimes just plain wrong.

■ Lesson two: Don't assume you understand the intentions or reasoning of other parties. Under rapidly changing circum-



Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with Interior Ministry Troops Commander Nikolai Rogozhkin in Sochi, Russia, on Monday.

stances, intentions often change. In the run-up to World War I, for instance, the major powers miscalculated what the other parties would do. The price of that miscalculation was slaughter and economic ruin. (Also, don't assume that local "allies" will act as you think allies "should" act.)

■ Lesson three: Communicate clearly and send critical messages through multiple channels (in this case to Putin). Send the identical message through several channels so that there's little chance that it would be misinterpreted; the recipient will be confident he understands the message, whether he likes its content or not.

And it is always wise to be extremely cautious when two powers with nuclear weapons are on opposite sides of a military tussle, no matter how unlikely it may seem that nuclear weapons would be used.

Ukraine is a dangerously volatile situation. Putin is popular at home for his actions

on behalf of Russians in the "near abroad" — as many Russians call Eastern Europe — while militias and street gangs are becoming more unpredictable. Complicating matters is that the only Western organization that can oppose Russia is NATO, and the western European members of NATO are not united on how to respond to Ukraine's crisis.

President John F. Kennedy taught us the wisdom of combining firmness with restraint during the Cuban missile crisis. President Barack Obama has been right to be restrained in his response to Putin's aggression. It will be hard for the United States to be firm about a struggle between unruly forces on a continent whose most powerful members have not decided how firm they want to be against Russian power.

Peter Goldmark, a former publisher of the International Herald Tribune, headed the climate program at the Environmental Defense Fund. He wrote this for Newsday.

## OPINION

## African women are the heroes in this fight

By LEYMAH GBOWEE

Weeks after the abduction of more than 300 Nigerian schoolgirls taken in a case of mass sex trafficking, the global media finally took note of the crime.

Why the shift? Because of the bravery of Nigerian women, who took to the streets to demand that the world pay attention. African women tend to be portrayed as victims — the raped, the suffering, the poor mothers of the poor girls. But across Africa, women are ending conflicts, reshaping governments and bringing attention to crucial issues. In this story, as in many others, they are the heroes.

Days after their daughters were taken, when it was clear the military would do nothing, the local women and men of Chibok, Borno state, pooled their money, bought gas for their motorcycles and bravely set out for the 30,000-square-mile Sambisa Forest, where the Boko Haram hides out. Villagers they met along the way said they had seen the girls but that pursuing them was too dangerous. When the parents tried to share what they had learned with the military, they were told to write a report.

Met with official silence, angry women across Nigeria began to raise their voices. On April 24, a coalition of Borno women's rights groups said they were ready to mobilize thousands of women to reenter the forest to demand the girls' release. On April 30, and on every day since then, crowds of women protested in the capital, Abuja.

On May 1, a coalition of Muslim and Christian women protested in Kaduna state. On May 2, women threatened to converge in Lagos and elsewhere, then walk en masse to Borno and enter the Sambisa Forest naked in search of the girls. On May



SUNDAY ALAMBA/AP

Women attend a sit-down rally Thursday calling on the government to rescue the kidnapped schoolgirls of the Chibok secondary school, in Abuja, Nigeria.

5, women in Ogun state protested at a solidarity rally, and the president of Nigeria's Market Women Association ordered six major Lagos open-air markets closed in protest — the Lagos equivalent of the New York Stock Exchange shutting down. Those market women decided to forgo their livelihoods — some families went without meals because what had happened in the community mattered more. Women protested in Kwara, Nasarawa and Plateau states.

Contrast these actions with those of

Nigeria's leaders, whose governance is too often based on what makes them look good to the international community. At the time the girls were taken, their focus was on sending security forces to Abuja, to make the city clean and safe for the political leaders coming to attend the World Economic Forum.

Myth and stereotype blind the world to the reality of what African women are accomplishing. In 1996, when 139 girls were taken from their Aboko, Uganda, boarding

school by members of the Lord's Resistance Army, the school's deputy head mistress, Sister Rachele Fassera, an Italian nun, followed the rebels and was able to buy back 109 of the girls. Angelina Atyam, a mother whose daughter was not returned, became one of Uganda's leading peace activists and made trips to the United Nations to advocate for the missing girls. Those who survived eventually reunited with their families, including Atyam's daughter. For years, Western media had no idea what had happened.

During the worst days of the 14-year civil war in my own country, Liberia, thousands of Christian and Muslim women gathered in a field along our capital city's main road, where we sat for months in the rain and sun, demanding peace. Women's protests spread across the country, and when peace talks in Ghana broke down, we barricaded the conference room until they resumed. But outside Liberia, no one seemed to notice us.

As a woman and a mother, I pray for the safe return of all the abducted girls. I also applaud the strength of the women who continue to fight for them. They are African women — women who can function under the harshest conditions, who in the face of murder and rape continually stand up to fight. Strong. Resilient. Powerful. It is time for the world to put away the image of African women as victims and see them as the everyday heroes they are.

Leymah Gbowee won the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize for the wrong hands. His reply: Only a few, president of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa. This piece was written with Carol Mithers, also co-author of Gbowee's memoir, "Mighty Be Our Power," and first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

## White House needs to be more forceful on Syria

By TRUDY RUBIN

On Tuesday, the utter failure of White House efforts on Syria became embarrassingly public.

Lakhdar Brahimi, the U.N. special envoy who had brokered Syrian peace talks in Geneva, quit in frustration. U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon singled out Syrian government stonewalling as a key cause of failure. So much for administration hopes of finding a political solution.

Also on Tuesday, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius made an undiplomatic public critique of President Barack Obama's failure to use force as he had pledged if Assad used chemical weapons. Obama opted instead for a Russia-led accord that committed Assad to give up these weapons. Syria has not only failed to meet the deadline, but appears to have carried out 14 new chemical attacks — and is killing thousands with conventional weapons.

Yet the White House clings to a policy that has fueled a humanitarian catastrophe, while helping to create a new safe haven for jihadis on the border of Europe. When will this change?

No change appeared imminent when, also on Tuesday, Syrian opposition leader Ahmad Jarba met National Security Adviser Susan Rice at the White House. Obama dropped by, but there was no photo op and no joint statement. The reason seemed clear.

Jarba has been urging U.S. officials to arm rebel groups vetted by American intelligence agencies with a small number of surface-to-air missiles known as Manpads (man-portable air-defense systems). The



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A campaign poster reads in Arabic, "Yes, the world cannot change Assad, but Assad will change the world, 2014." Syria officially opened its election campaign Sunday.

opposition could use these missiles to shoot down helicopters that drop lethal barrel bombs on schools and clinics. This would shake Assad's self-confidence and might lead to critical defections.

But a White House statement after the meeting made no mention of Jarba's request, which is apparently still hanging. Rather, it noted that the president had praised Jarba's coalition for trying to find a political solution to the Syrian crisis.

Political solution?

There will be no political solution unless Assad feels he is under great pressure, which he certainly doesn't now.

"Assad is going for a complete military solution," Jarba's chief of staff, Monzer Akkib, told me. With Russian and Iranian help, the Syrian leader is about to stage a rigged ballot to "re-elect" himself president.

The Syrian leader seems determined to hold on to a north-south swath of Syria and use whatever means necessary to drive civilians out of rebel-held territory. Syria's mammoth humanitarian crisis will grow — already, one-third of the population is displaced — and continue to destabilize its neighbors.

Even more ominous, the northeast of Syria and the adjoining western part of Iraq have become a new jihadi haven containing groups linked to al-Qaida and some that are even more radical. "Syria has become a huge magnet for extremists," U.S. intelligence Chief James Clapper warned in January. The longer this conflict continues, the more jihadis will arrive.

The war has attracted about 7,000 foreign volunteers to fight Assad, including hundreds from Belgium, Britain, France, and other European countries (and possibly some from America). Clapper compared Syria to the northwestern belt of Pakistan, where al-Qaida central and Osama bin Laden found haven. But this new jihadist is much closer to the West.

I asked Akkib what he thought could change the current dynamics. "One thing that would be useful is more U.S. support for the Free Syrian Army, with more sophisticated weaponry, in the joint fight we

have with al-Qaida," he replied. Vetted rebel groups linked with Jarba are already fighting the jihadis, as well as Assad, but they need more help.

Akkib also confirmed that Jarba was asking for Manpads. I asked him whether there was a danger, as some U.S. officials fear, that these weapons could fall into the wrong hands. His reply: Only a few such weapons would be needed to change Assad's calculations, since he would lose his control of the skies.

"I think 20 weapons can make a difference," he said. "We are thinking a small number at a time to keep control." U.S. officials are reportedly studying technological means of tracking each of the weapons.

"A political solution needs some kind of leverage," Akkib went on. "The regime needs to change its calculations in order (for it) to come to the table. The U.S. provision of sophisticated weapons would send a very strong message."

Indeed. The first time a vetted rebel shoots down a regime barrel bomber it would convey the message that it's time for Assad to stop killing his people and accede to real talks on a transition government. Then moderate Syrians, with outside help, can take on the jihadis.

A few surface-to-air missiles or a new jihadist on the Mediterranean? It's time for the White House to choose.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Lawsuit: Student broke bone arm wrestling

**CA** SANTA ANA — An Orange County high school student has filed a lawsuit accusing his history teacher of breaking the boy's arm after challenging him to an arm-wrestling contest in class.

The suit filed this week claims Zachary Larkin, a teacher at Villa Park High School, used both hands and his full body weight during the June 2013 contest.

The mother of Austin Lazarus, 17, a junior at the time, said the teacher used "poor judgment."

She said her son's arm has healed but is slightly crooked. Lazarus said that he felt humiliated after the incident.

The suit filed contends Larkin's actions demonstrate a pattern of negligence by the district and the school.

Larkin and Villa Park High School Principal Ed Howard declined to comment.

## 10-foot-long alligator shot on beach

**SC** FOLLY BEACH — A 10-foot alligator has been shot and killed in the surf at Folly Beach southeast of Charleston.

Public Safety Director Dennis Brown said the alligator was spotted about 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Angus McBride of the Department of Natural Resources said it's not unusual for alligators to get caught in tidal waters and end up in the ocean. McBride said alligators do not like salt water.

Alligator specialist Ray Covington with Nuisance Removal Wildlife Service shot the alligator in the head and hauled it away.

Some people complained about shooting the alligator on the beach, but Covington said the alligator was sick and was too large to relocate.

He said it would have been too dangerous to try to remove the alligator and shoot it elsewhere.

## Man convicted 3rd time for cheating at craps

**NJ** TRENTON — Twice apparently wasn't enough for a northern New Jersey man when it came to bending the rules at the craps tables.

The state attorney general's office says Derek Bethea, 57, was convicted Tuesday of illegally placing bets at three Atlantic City casinos last summer.

The Bayonne resident had been convicted of similar crimes in 2001 and 2005.

The attorney general's office says Bethea had been out of prison for about a month before he went to Atlantic City and attempted to place bets at craps tables after winning numbers had been determined.

A jury in Atlantic County convicted Bethea on three counts of swindling and cheating at casino gaming. The most serious of the counts carries a five-year maximum sentence.

Betha is scheduled for sentencing on June 6.

## THE CENSUS

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The amount a New York City minister has agreed to repay after taking it from his congregation to buy an 18th century farmhouse in New Jersey. The Rev. Carl Keyes and his wife, the Rev. Donna Keyes, who jointly led the Glad Tidings Tabernacle in Manhattan, signed a legal judgment Wednesday settling a probe by the New York attorney general into a series of questionable church financial transactions.



MICHAEL BRYANT, THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/AP

## Leader of the pack

David Glazer walks with his doggie day care dogs for a walk in Marconi Plaza Park in Philadelphia.

## Kin of couple named on 1945 letter sought

**MI** MUSKEGON — Postal officials in western Michigan are searching for relatives of a Muskegon couple to whom a recently found letter was mailed nearly 70 years ago.

The letter bears an Army Post Office postmark from 1945 and was addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. Sensabaugh" on Washington Avenue.

Sgt. Myron C. Cook's name was listed as the sender. He was based in New York.

Postmaster William Rowe said it appears someone may have put the letter back into the "mail stream" because a 2013 postmark from Minneapolis was stamped over the original postmark. The letter also appears never to have been opened.

## Teen scoops 3-foot carp from flooded street

**OH** NORTH ROYALTON — A northern Ohio teenager is reeling in attention for a big catch after he spotted a 3-foot carp swimming in receding floodwaters on his street and scooped it into his arms as his mother caught the scene on video.

North Royalton resident Jake Sawyer, 16, waded through more than ankle-deep water as he stalked the big fish in the dark Monday night and eventually trapped it.

First he tried to throw a towel over it to stun it. He said when that didn't work, he tried to push it toward a curb.

"I just slowly put my hand on it, and then once it got comfortable with me, I just kind of bear-hugged it and lifted it up," he said Wednesday.

Sawyer said heavy rains that day had caused flash-flooding as high as his mailbox, and he suspects the large grass carp slipped out of a nearby pond as the water rose.

He said he wanted to ensure the fish didn't become trapped and die in the street, so he carried it back to the pond. He estimates it weighed 40 pounds.

## 102-year-old takes fast ride at speedway

**IN** INDIANAPOLIS — A 102-year-old woman says she's disappointed racing great Mario Andretti couldn't go faster than 180 mph during their laps around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Edith Pittenger of Muncie said she had a great time riding with

Andretti in a two-seat race car Tuesday.

"He said 180 is the maximum," she said. "I wanted to do 200, but he wouldn't do that."

Dozens of family members joined Pittenger at the speedway for what was her second trip around the track — in 2008, she rode with driver Arie Luyendyk Jr. She marked her 100th birthday two years ago by going parasailing.

Pittenger ended her latest speedway laps with a drink of milk — just like the tradition of Indy 500 winners in victory lane.

## Man with leukemia holds 'wake' for himself

**IA** DUBUQUE — A long-time Dubuque real estate agent has held a "wake" for himself, as he has weeks or even days to live because of a terminal illness.

Don Lochner, 66, invited dozens of friends to a gathering Tuesday night at a local Italian restaurant. Lochner said despite the grim party theme, his priorities are laughing and spending time with people.

Lochner is a Navy veteran who was deployed during the Vietnam War. He was diagnosed with leukemia in January, which he believes is linked to Agent Orange

exposure.

Lochner said he's upset about his diagnosis, but he's decided to skip being mad about it. Friends say they're not surprised by Lochner's positive attitude.

## Man says he broke into home to borrow eggs

**PA** MIDDLETOWN — A southeastern Pennsylvania man charged with breaking into a neighbor's house says he was only borrowing eggs to make breakfast.

Middletown police contend Christopher King didn't have an omelette on his mind when he climbed through the window Tuesday morning.

Police who responded to the report of a burglary in progress said they arrived to find him walking out the front door. They said they found dresser and cabinet drawers and doors open throughout the house.

Detective Patrick Nicastro said King claimed he climbed through his neighbor's window because he wanted some eggs for breakfast. The homeowner told police nothing appeared to be missing.

King is charged with felony burglary and related charges.

From wire reports



## LIFESTYLE



Gerald Campbell, who turns 80 in October, is currently training for an upcoming weightlifting competition.

Photos by Joyce Marshall, Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram/MCT

# Bodybuilder with a heavy goal

Texas man training to top bench press record of 245 pounds before 80th birthday

By TERRY EVANS

Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Telegram

**G**erald Campbell is giving up his career as a fitness instructor and going full time into bodybuilding before his next birthday.

He turns 80 in October. "I'm retiring from that because my wife and I want to travel more while we still have good health," Campbell said. ... "[And] I can't work out myself as much as I need to for heavyweight bodybuilding." Campbell's goal before his birthday is to bench press 280 pounds. That's 115 pounds more than his weight of 165. Recently, he bench pressed 245 pounds, breaking his own record, at the Texas Push/Pull Showdown in Mesquite.

He'll try to press 260 pounds in the July 26, world-qualifying Dallas Southwest Regional Bench Press and Dead Lift Championships competition in Irving.

Anytime Campbell lifts more than his personal best he breaks a record, said Bryan Dobson, Campbell's trainer and owner of MetroFlex Gym in Fort Worth, Texas.

There are only a handful of people in the world at Campbell's age and weight who are capable of a bench press anywhere near what he can do, Dobson said.

"He'll be in the top of the 165-pound weight class in Masters 70 plus," Dobson said. "For his body weight, the weight he's lifting is competitive with 20-year-olds."

Dobson describes Campbell as "phenomenal," and he isn't alone in that opinion. The 140 or so people Campbell trains at Hurst Senior Center and Eulless Family Life Center compare him with Jack LaLanne, a pioneer in personal training whose innovative techniques and equipment, and a 34-year run on TV, helped earn him the title Godfather of Fitness. Just like LaLanne, Campbell



**"I don't think working out adds years to your life, but it adds quality. As long as God keeps me healthy I want to have a good quality of life."**

Gerald Campbell

has been on a personal fitness crusade since he was 15.

"My buddy, Bobby Risinger, and I bought some weights at a garage sale," Campbell said. "We set 'em up in my garage. We didn't know anything about it, but we started

lifting weights and learning the proper way to do it."

Campbell — who made his living selling insurance, before he retired at 65 — also became a personal trainer in his late teens. Soon afterward, he gave up weightlift-

ing and took up running. "I like running because it builds up the heart," Campbell said. "If the heart don't work right, there isn't anything going to work right."

Campbell said his wife of 45 years, Dolores, also is a runner.

Campbell said he kept running well into his 70s, "because old age was chasing me and I wanted to stay ahead of it."

After 14 marathons and seven 50-mile races, Campbell decided to give his feet a break. He started power lifting again 30 years ago.

"I don't think working out adds years to your life, but it adds quality," Campbell said. "As long as God keeps me healthy I want to have good quality of life."

And while he does want to set records, he isn't looking for immortality through record books.

"It's not records for publicity as much as it is for other older people to say 'That guy did it. By cracker, I think I might try to do it,'" he said.

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## SUMMER MOVIE PREVIEW

# HOLLYWOOD BETS BIG AGAIN

By JAKE COYLE/The Associated Press

**Like jumbo jets on the runway, Hollywood's summer movies are lined up, ready for takeoff. Will they hit any turbulence?**



DISNEY/AP

Spanish accessory designer Manuel Albarran created the collars and jewelry that Angelina Jolie wears in the movie "Maleficent," which opens in the U.S. on May 30 and on some installation theaters on June 6.

If the movie business had a fasten your seat belt light, it was certainly flashing last summer. A number of high-profile films tanked while onlookers like Steven Spielberg warned of a coming implosion for an increasingly blockbuster-bound Hollywood. A kind of blood sport took hold where — even though the summer's box office ended up setting a record high — some took glee in the downturns of Hollywood's roller coaster ride.



"Blood sport" is the perfect word for what I saw last year," says Michael Bay. This year, he'll release "Transformers: Age of Extinction" (June 27), a cast makeover for the franchise, and produce another reboot, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" (Aug. 8). A blockbuster veteran, he's accustomed to the frenzied pressures of the season. "They try to take my movies down every time," says Bay. "The worse reviews I get, the better the box office is. Go figure."

Box office will be the chief barometer of success for the nearly 50 wide releases to open between May and Labor Day in Hollywood's yearly rite of superheroes, sequels and spectacle. It's the time of year when Hollywood bets big on seemingly can't-miss concepts that nevertheless occasionally miss. This summer kicked off with "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" (May 2), Sony's second installment of its second Spider-Man series. With two sequels and two spinoffs (for *Venom* and *Sinister Six*), planned,

## The veteran: Michael Bay reboots 'Transformers'

Summer is the season of Michael Bay.

As much as anyone else, Bay — in movies like "Armageddon," "Pearl Harbor" and "Transformers" — has shaped what the summer movie is: its quick-cutting bombast, its visual-effects flourish, its capacity for mass destruction.

This summer, he'll release "Transformers: Age of Extinction," the fourth film in the franchise, with a revamped cast led by Mark Wahlberg. The 49-year-old Bay, who also produces "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" (Aug. 8) later in the season, is well acquainted with the scale of the modern blockbuster.

"I've been doing these movies a long

time," said Bay in a recent break from the editing suite. "When all is said and done, maybe 3,500 people will have worked on this movie. It's one day at a time. You can't panic. My pep talk to everyone is: This is when the pro (expletive) starts and separates the men from the boys."

"Age of Extinction" subs out the sometimes combative Shia LaBeouf with an older, more established action star in Wahlberg. It's planned as the first of a redesigned "Transformers" trilogy.

Bay and Wahlberg first connected on last year's comic crime caper "Pain & Gain," a relatively low-budget project for

Bay and one of his most critically acclaimed films.

Wahlberg has already vowed that "Age of Extinction" will be the biggest movie of the year. While optimistic, it's not out of the question. The last "Transformers" film, 2011's "Dark of the Moon," made more than \$1.1 billion worldwide.

"It feels fresher with the cast," says Bay. "It's like when you get the new 'Batman' franchises, things get dressed up in a different way. I think the franchise still has a lot more to offer."

— Jake Coyle/AP



PARAMOUNT PICTURES/AP

Director Michael Bay, left, with Mark Wahlberg on the set of "Transformers: Age of Extinction."



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OPEN ROAD FILMS/AP

John Leguizamo, left, Enjay Anthony and Jon Favreau star in the independent film "Chef." Favreau wrote and directed the movie, which also stars Sofia Vergara and Bobby Cannavale.

Spider-Man proves the intensive, high-speed nature of franchise-making in today's Hollywood: Sequels are now developed by the bushel.

Among the summer's other biggest potential blockbusters: the monster re-do "Godzilla" (May 16), the time-traveling mutant thriller "X-Men: Days of Future Past" (May 23), the warped fairy tale "Maleficent" (May 30), the animated sequel "How to Train Your Dragon 2," the Clint Eastwood-directed musical "Jersey Boys" (June 20), the gun-toting gorilla tale "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" (July 11), the demigod drama "Hercules" (July 25) and Marvel's outer-space adventure "Guardians of the Galaxy" (Aug. 1).

The steady drumbeat of high-decibel drama will leave little room for error.

"I've been the windshield and I've been the bug," says Jon Favreau, the director of the widely

**“ I've been the windshield and I've been the bug. ”**

**Jon Favreau**  
director of summer flicks "Iron Man" and "Cowboys & Aliens"

popular "Iron Man," as well as the less successful "Cowboys & Aliens."

This summer, Favreau takes a break from tentpoles with "Chef," an independent film he wrote and directed about a big-name

restaurant chef who loses his job and opens a food truck. The biggest summer films will be among the most test-screened, audience-tracked releases of the year, carefully shaped to entertain audiences whose social-media appetites are whetted by months of trailers and sneak peeks.

Whereas some studios have been pulling back on their production schedules, focusing on fewer but bigger movies, Warner Bros. is running the other direction. This summer, the studio will release a leading eight movies.

"The domestic box office and the worldwide box office are at record heights, and it's continuing to grow, especially in the international world with China and Russia, in particular," says Dan Fellman, head of domestic distribution for Warner Bros. "We're going to let it fly this summer."

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## Beyond the blockbusters

More exotic creatures thrive in the shadows of summer blockbusters. Here are 10 of the most anticipated indie films due this summer.

1. **"The Rover" (June 13):** David Michod's follow-up to his Aussie crime drama "Animal Kingdom" qualifies as a must-see because of the rare quality of his feature film debut. This one, which will premiere at the Cannes Film Festival, stars Guy Pearce and Robert Pattinson and is set in a near-future Australia where the world economy has collapsed and bandits roam the Outback.
2. **"Boyhood" (July 11):** Richard Linklater spent 12 years making this wholly unique film. It charts a fictional family over that time (Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette play divorced parents) and, remarkably, shows the maturation of 6-year-old Ellar Coltrane (playing their son) from boy to man.
3. **"The Immigrant" (May 16):** Tales of immigrants arriving through Ellis Island are a well-trod genre, but James Gray's 1920s drama is distinct in its portrait of the American Dream as both myth and reality. With Marion Cotillard and Joaquin Phoenix.
4. **"Life Itself" (July 11):** Steve James ("Hoop Dreams") presents a documentary and ode to the late film critic Roger Ebert.
5. **"Begin Again" (July 4):** Much like John Carrey's "Once," this is a naturalistic, street-level drama of musicians. Keira Knightley stars as a British singer-songwriter discovered in New York by a down-on-his-luck music executive (Mark Ruffalo).
6. **"Magic in the Moonlight" (July 25):** Woody Allen's annual offering this year is a comedy set on the French Riviera in the '20s starring Colin Firth and Emma Stone.
7. **"Tracks" (May 23):** Mia Wasikowska stars as Robyn Davidson, who in 1977 trekked across 1,700 miles of the Australian Ocean to reach the Indian Ocean. Adam Driver ("Girls") stars as the National Geographic photographer who trails her.
8. **"A Most Wanted Man" (July 25):** Anton Corbijn's adaptation of John Le Carré's novel.
9. **"Wish I Was Here" (July 18):** Zach Braff took a lot of criticism for his use of Kickstarter to help fund his second directorial effort following 2004's "Garden State." Braff also stars as a struggling actor who homeschools his kids.
10. **"They Came Together" (June 27):** David Wain and Michael Showalter deconstruct the romantic comedy with a cast led by Paul Rudd and Amy Poehler.

— Jake Coyle/AP

## The rookie: Chris Pratt enters a new 'Galaxy'

After Chris Pratt tweeted a shirtless photo of himself to flaunt the shape he had gotten into for "Zero Dark Thirty," he received, he says, a "giant ball of criticism" from his friends. It also helped land him the lead in one of the summer's biggest movies.

When Marvel executives Kevin Feige and Louis D'Esposito sat Pratt down to discuss starring in "Guardians of the Galaxy," they pulled out the photo (it had gone viral) and asked: "How long would it take you to get into this shape?"

The photo had changed how both Pratt's fans and Hollywood executives

saw the actor best known as the lovably goofy Andy Dwyer on NBC's "Parks and Recreation." Pratt says his buff physique is "essentially a costume that I worked really hard to put on."

"No one has head shots and résumés anymore. They just Google you," he said in a recent interview. "If you Google me, it would be a fat, sweaty, albeit hilarious picture of me. It was not what I wanted people to be seeing if I was going to be in contention for these roles."

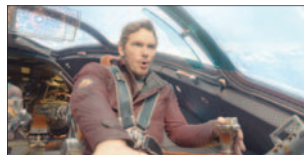
In "Guardians of the Galaxy," which Disney will release Aug. 1, Pratt stars as a cocksure space adventurer who unwittingly becomes the target of an intergalactic manhunt. For Marvel,

it's a lesser-known comic-book property with a more comic, off-kilter story.

Following supporting turns in "Moneyball" and "Her," it's a significant bump into big-budget stardom for Pratt. He's currently in Hawaii shooting another potential blockbuster, "Jurassic World."

"This is definitely uncharted territory for me," says Pratt. "It does feel like I'm starting another chapter."

Pratt also voiced the lead in the hit animated film "The Lego Movie" earlier this year. With "Guardians of the Galaxy," Pratt — often penniless on "Parks" — might surpass \$1 billion at



DISNEY-MARVEL/AP

Chris Pratt stars in "Guardians of the Galaxy."

the box office in 2014.

"That's pretty cool," he says, contemplating the possibility. "Yeah, that will be a good year. I feel like I've just been invited along for the ride."

— Jake Coyle/AP





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John Lloyd Young stars in the upcoming movie "Jersey Boys." "The domestic box office and the worldwide box office are at record heights, and it's continuing to grow, especially in the international world with China and Russia, in particular," says Dan Fellman, head of domestic distribution for Warner Bros.

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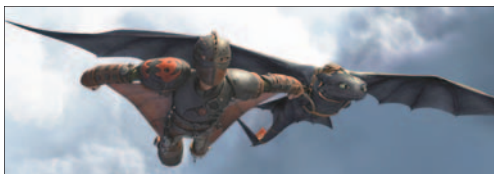
But unexpected events and swift changes in taste have a way of interrupting Hollywood's increasingly finely planned release strategies. (Marvel president Kevin Feige recently said he's plotted its movies through 2028.)

This summer, two anticipated films—"X-Men" and "Magic in the Moonlight" (July 25)—will have to navigate recent sexual abuse allegations of its directors, Bryan Singer and Woody Allen, respectively. (Both have denied the allegations.)

There are few non-superhero certainties in the movies right now, but Melissa McCarthy is one of them. The star of "The Heat" and "Identity Thief" is virtually unparalleled in her ability to almost single-handedly open a movie. On July 2, she'll debut "Tammy," a road-trip comedy she wrote with her husband, Ben Falcone, who also directs.

Marvel expands its own all-powerful universe with "Guardians of the Galaxy," a more comical twist for the comics maker about a gang of oddballs in the farthest reaches of space. Chris Pratt transforms to big-budget action movie star.

Just as "Guardians" shows Marvel extending beyond its comfort zone, "Maleficent" finds Disney pushing



Dreamworks Pictures

Hiccup and Toothless take flight in "How to Train Your Dragon 2." Below left, James McAvoy, left, and Patrick Stewart come face-to-face in "X-Men: Days of Future Past." Below right: The character Caesar in "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" is performed by Andy Serkis.



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into darker territory. Starring Angelina Jolie in her first major on-screen performance in years, it's "Sleeping Beauty" from the villain's perspective.

It's helmed by Robert Stromberg, the production designer of "Avatar." Even for a longtime visual effects veteran, it's a staggeringly large film for a directorial debut.

"You enter into this position of directing one of these movies with the idea that there are potentially a lot of people who feel maybe the better story is watching the Hindenburg burn," says Stromberg. "What I can do is be the best I can at something, with a lot of great people, and present it, and let the chips fall where they may."

In between the blockbusters, releases like Seth MacFarlane's "A Million Ways to Die in the West" (May 30) and "22 Jump Street" (June 13) will offer comic relief.

mother (Susan Sarandon).

McCarthy and Falcone have performed together since meeting at the Groundlings, the Los Angeles-based improv troupe.

"It's always been really fun to do stuff with him," says McCarthy. "You know that those people for whatever reason you have the right chemistry with, and Ben is definitely that fella for me. And I tend to like him quite a bit. I'm going to keep him."

The movie extends an often ironic on-screen relationship for Falcone and McCarthy. Though they've been happily married since 2005 and have two daughters together, their encounters on-screen are often tempestuous. In last year's "The Heat," Falcone made a cameo as a love-sick former lover she keeps pursuing.

"He's horrible to me in

## Upcoming releases on installation theaters

- May 23: "Godzilla" (PG-13)
  - "Million Dollar Arm" (PG)
- May 30: "Blended" (PG-13)
  - "X-Men: Days of Future Past" (PG-13)
- June 6: "Maleficent" (PG)
  - "A Million Ways to Die in the West" (R)
- June 13: "Edge of Tomorrow" (PG-13)
  - "The Fault in Our Stars" (PG-13)
- June 20: "22 Jump Street"
  - "How to Train Your Dragon 2" (PG)
- June 27: "Jersey Boys" (R)
  - "Think Like a Man Too" (PG-13)

## Looking ahead: Summer 2015

I must confess: I could skip ahead to next summer's box office offerings.

This summer, there's not much that excites me. Not being a 10-year-old boy, I don't care about "How to Train Your Dragon 2." Not being a 15-year-old boy, I don't have "Godzilla" and a new Transformers flick high on my list. I'm a little bit fairy-taled out thanks to "Once Upon a Time" and the incessant playing of the music from "Frozen," so "Maleficent" doesn't really appeal, either. And the new X-Men movie feels like a rethread of sci-fi storytelling.

But next summer? Even with "Superman vs. Batman" moved to 2016, summer 2015 is shaping up to be the best box office season ever.

Here's what I'm saving up for to see next summer—which now starts in April:

- **"The Avengers: Age of Ultron":** Even though it won't have Loki (Tom Hiddleston), it will have Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) and Hulk (Mark Ruffalo). And for the guys, Scarlett Johansson returns, and Elizabeth Olsen joins the cast as Scarlet Witch.
- **"Tomorrowland":** A sci-fi flick starring Hugh Laurie and George Clooney.
- **"The Minions":** An origin story about the little yellow critters that were the true stars of the previous "Despicable Me" movies. Here's hoping they can carry an entire movie.

• **"Pitch Perfect 2":** The first one was a feel-good riot, featuring the talented Anna Kendrick and the fantastically funny Rebel Wilson. Can't wait for the Barden Bellas to reunite.

• **"Magic Mike XXL":** I went to see the original thinking it would be nothing but impressive visuals (Whoopi Glessing Channing Tatum), and was pleasantly surprised by the plot and knocked over by the performance by Matthew McConaughey—now an Oscar winner! His character was something to behold—and just not because McConaughey was in incredible shape.

Here are a few other highly anticipated 2015 summer movies:

- **"Entourage":** The TV hit makes it to the big screen.
- **"Assassin's Creed":** Movie based on the video game stars Michael Fassbender.
- **"Fast & Furious 7"**
- **"Ted 2"**
- **"Ant-Man"**
- **"Terminator: Genesis"**
- **"Fantastic Four"**
- **"Mad Max: Fury Road"**
- **"Jurassic World"**

—Danielle L. Kiracofe/Stars and Stripes

## The A-Lister: McCarthy's 'Tammy' a family affair

The idea for Melissa McCarthy's upcoming comedy, "Tammy," was born over breakfast.

The film is directed by McCarthy's husband, Ben Falcone. They wrote it together, from Falcone's early-morning epiphany.

"He came downstairs one morning, blurry-eyed, hair all over the place, in his pajamas, and goes: 'I'm not sure if I had a dream, but I want to write a movie where you go on a road trip with your gran, and I think she's an alcoholic and she sleeps around,'" says McCarthy. "He was, like, not fully awake. I was like, 'OK. That sounds great. Want some coffee?'"

Six years later, that concept has turned into the biggest professional collaboration yet for McCarthy and Falcone. In "Tammy," McCarthy plays a woman who loses her job and embarks on a road trip with her grand-

mother (Susan Sarandon).

McCarthy and Falcone have performed together since meeting at the Groundlings, the Los Angeles-based improv troupe.

"It's always been really fun to do stuff with him," says McCarthy. "You know that those people for whatever reason you have the right chemistry with, and Ben is definitely that fella for me. And I tend to like him quite a bit. I'm going to keep him."

The movie extends an often ironic on-screen relationship for Falcone and McCarthy. Though they've been happily married since 2005 and have two daughters together, their encounters on-screen are often tempestuous. In last year's "The Heat," Falcone made a cameo as a love-sick former lover she keeps pursuing.

"He's horrible to me in

"Tammy,"" says McCarthy. "He's the one who fires me. I say terrible things to him."

McCarthy spoke recently by phone from Budapest on the set of "Spy," her latest comedy with Paul Feig ("Bridesmaids," "The Heat"). She said she was wearing a short, very curly gray wig: "I'm like a kid in a candy store with wigs. Give me wigs, and I'm good to go."

While her work with Feig has grown into one of the best actor-director combos in comedy, "Tammy" is an especially personal release for McCarthy—a film she and Falcone built themselves. It's set in Illinois, near where Falcone grew up and where McCarthy went to college.

"As a writer, you think about that forever: Can you imagine if we got to



WARNER BROS. PICTURES/AP

Susan Sarandon, left, and Melissa McCarthy star in "Tammy," out July 2.

do our own thing?" she says. "To have it finally happen, it's a very mild moment for both of us."

—Jake Coyle/AP



## HEALTH & FITNESS

By MELISSA DRIBBEN  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

**W**ondering about the best shoes to wear for spring running? Neutral? Minimalist? Stability? Motion control? Cushioned heel?

Confused? Of course you are. Well, sports medicine specialists have good news. Stop worrying about fallen arches, overpronation, and putting your feet on a Paleolithic regimen.

The latest thinking about how to choose the best running shoe is to let comfort be your guide.

Since the 1970s, running shoes have evolved from puny slabs of rubber sewn to canvas shells into engineering feats rivaling 3-D-printed surveillance drones.

Far beyond the latest Nike Flyknit Lunar 2 are plans for running shoes made of computer-generated molecules that will link to living organisms and conform to your foot's ever-changing needs.

In the somewhat-less-distant future are Google Bluetooth-enabled shoes that talk to you and tell you how your run is going.

For now, runners have a hard enough time picking from hundreds of mite, inorganic options.

"Historically, the push has always been to look at foot pronation," said Bryan Heiderscheit, a professor in the department of biomedical engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Runners were told to wear shoes that would correct for the foot's tendency to roll inward or outward, on the theory that this would correct biomechanical flaws and prevent injuries to the knees and lower back.

"But the best studies that have been done in the last 10 years," said Heiderscheit, "have not substantiated that claim."

In 2010, the American Journal of Sports Medicine published a study of 1,400 Marine Corps recruits. Half the group was given shoes based on a careful evaluation of the shape of their feet. The control group's shoes were chosen randomly.

"Assigning shoes based on the shape of the plantar foot surface,"

# Put your feet first

## Prioritize comfort when choosing an athletic shoe



EVANS CAGLAGE, THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/MCT

**Wearing the right shoe can help improve performance and prevent injury, regardless of the sport or activity.**

the authors concluded, "had little influence on injuries."

When Heiderscheit tries to

explain this to members of the running-shoe industry, he gets "pushback."

Not surprising, he said, considering that the \$20 billion athletic-shoe market sustains itself

on innovation. Most companies release new models twice a year, offering features designed to improve performance and prevent injury.

The idea that almost any shoe is fine if it's comfortable is also apt to meet resistance from runners for whom theory has become dogma. Believers in barefoot running or minimalist shoes, for instance, are unlikely to be convinced.

Both are fine, said Heiderscheit, as long as recent converts do not make the switch too abruptly.

Speaking from personal experience, Heiderscheit said, it is easy to get injured if you decide to toss your cushiony sneakers and immediately start racking up miles in a pair of minimalist shoes.

It can take months to adapt, he said. He recommends exercises to strengthen muscles in the calf and foot and using the minimalist shoes for short, easy runs at first.

"You should feel so comfortable in a shoe that you could sleep in them," said Jon Woo, a sports medicine specialist at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Experts say that just as everyone's feet are unique, so are their running styles. "There is no absolute biomechanical ideal," Heiderscheit said.

One of the world's fastest marathoners, Pechac Jeptoo, has a knock-kneed gait that has carried her through 26.2 miles in a blazing two hours, 20 minutes, and 14 seconds.

Still, Heiderscheit said, there are "flaws" to avoid.

"You don't want to bounce too much. You don't want to overstride. And the one thing we absolutely don't want people to do is a hard heel strike — truly coming down on your heel with your foot pointed high in air."

Jeptoo, for the record, runs in Nike Zoom Streak 3s, a lightweight, breathable shoe with some support and cushioning. Online reviews of the shoe range from "I got huge blisters" to "Perfect!"

If this proves anything, experts said, it is that the one true authority on which shoes are best is the runner who wears them.

## Work out at work: discreet exercises you can do at your desk

By WINA STURGEON  
Adventure Sports Weekly

If you always end up too tired to do your training program early in the morning or late in the evening, don't let all that hard-earned conditioning wither away. Wake your body up and get it moving — at work!

No one will stare if you quietly do some exercises. If you get any notices, it can actually back up some respect. Consider doing a desk pushup. It's hardly noticeable beyond the low and open walls of a typical office cubicle.

A desk pushup is where you back your feet away, hold your body straight, lower your torso to the surface of a desk or table, push it back up, then lower it to repeat. It might look like a bunny exercise, but it's more like King Kong. After about 25 reps, you'll definitely feel it in your shoulders and upper arms.

Target the arms more thoroughly with a chair push-up. Sit in a chair with arm rests, and use them to push your body upward by extending your arms from flexed to straight. Use only your arms and shoulders,

not your feet or legs. You'll probably have to rest after just ten reps.

Buy a weight plate and stash it under your desk. To do a back extension that will build the spinal erectors, hold the plate tight to your chest, and while keeping the back straight, bend over to a right angle, then stand back up straight again.

Do just the motion, or use a light plate, 10 pounds or so, to start. This exercise will strengthen your entire spine, and it will also give you those nicely curved columns of muscle on each side of your lower back-bone. Remember to bend from the hips, not from the waist. If you bend from the waist, you're curving and straining your back-bone, which can injure your spine. Form is everything in back extensions.

A good set of ankle weights can be used to work your legs without anyone noticing. To exercise the hamstrings (back of thigh) and the calves, sit and push the feet forward, then drag them back as far as possible without lifting your feet from the floor. To work the front of the thighs and make bodacious quadriceps, repeatedly



WINA STURGEON, WINIMAGES/MCT

**Salt Lake City cinematographer A.J. Beer grabs a quicker workout at work.**

lift the knees as high as possible 20 times while seated.

This will also work the hip flexors, which will protect athletic people against those painful and lingering groin pulls. It's a good exercise to do if you're a golfer.

If you work in an environment where you can sit on an exercise ball instead of a chair,

do so. These sit-upon balls are also called "balance balls," for good reason. To keep both your body and the ball stable, you have to keep yourself balanced. The required stabilization is done by your core muscles. You won't even be aware of the light, but constant, core workout you must maintain while using a ball for a chair.

Get an oblique workout by lying face down with your chest on the ball and your hands on the floor in front of you. Use your hands to "walk" forward until the ball is under your knees and lower legs. Then bring your knees toward your hands, rolling the ball forward until you're in a tightly crouched position. Extend from the crouch by rolling the ball backwards until it's again under your chest. Repeat at least five times.

The best thing about an office workout is that you don't have to do the entire routine in one session, as you would at the gym. You can do one set of an exercise every so often throughout the workday, do several different exercises during your lunch break, or break up your routine in any way you choose.

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## GM announces recalls of 2.7M cars

By TOM KRISHER  
The Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors' efforts to root out lingering safety problems across its wide range of cars and trucks has produced another big recall, and highlights a sudden shift at GM and throughout the industry toward issuing recalls instead of avoiding them.

The nation's largest automaker announced a total of five recalls covering 2.7 million vehicles Thursday. The biggest involves 2.4 million midsize cars from model years 2004 to 2012 with brake lights that can fail.

GM acknowledged it knew about the brake light problem as early as 2008. That year it issued what's known as a technical service bulletin, but that only required dealers to offer to fix the problem if the owner became aware of it. Such bulletins typically cover problems an automaker considers minor, and avoid the larger cost of a recall. But a

driver's safety could be jeopardized by unknowingly operating a car with a defective part.

In announcing the recall, GM said the brake light problem has been tied to 13 accidents and 2 injuries.

GM launched a top-to-bottom safety review after recalling 2.6 million small cars earlier this year for faulty ignition switches. GM knew about that problem for at least a decade, issuing service bulletins years before it started to recall the cars. The switch problem, which can unexpectedly shut down a car's engine, has been linked to at least 13 deaths and has prompted multiple investigations, including one by the Justice Department.

"These additional recalls underscore how important it is to keep the pressure on GM to make sure the company is being as transparent as possible," said Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Missouri, who heads a Senate subcommittee looking into GM's handling of the ignition switch problem.

The recalls could also add to scrutiny of federal safety regulators, who were criticized for their handling of the ignition switch problem. Documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show that neither the company nor the government sought a recall to fix the brake light issue despite 1,300 consumer complaints and more than 14,000 warranty claims as of February of last year.

The agency said in a statement Thursday that an investigation it opened into the problem last year influenced GM's decision to recall the cars.

Jeff Boyer, GM's newly appointed safety chief, said GM now will recall cars as soon as it sees a safety problem. The company, he said, has added 35 safety investigators to its team as it sifts through records looking for cars that should have been recalled earlier.

GM now has recalled more than 11 million cars and trucks in the U.S. so far this year, close

to its annual recall record of 11.8 million set in 2004.

The auto industry also is on track to set a single-year record for U.S. recalls. Companies have recalled 15.4 million vehicles in a little more than four months, according to government records. The single-year record for recalls is 30.8 million vehicles in 2004.

GM said the recalls announced Thursday also will fix problems with headlamps, power brakes and windshield wipers. GM shares fell 1.7 percent to close at \$34.36.

### MARKET WATCH

May 15, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	-167.16
Nasdaq composite	-31.34
Standard & Poor's 500	-17.68
Russell 2000	-7.15
	1,095.99

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (May 19)	\$1.4067
Dollar buys (May 19)	€0.7109
British pound (May 19)	\$1.72
Japanese yen (May 19)	¥99.00
South Korean won (May 19)	₩1,000.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.6830/\$1.5942
Canada (dollar)	1.0880
China (Yuan)	6.2337
Denmark (Krone)	5.29
Egypt (Pound)	7.1150
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.3711/\$1.7293
Hungary (Forint)	17.520
Israel (Shekel)	3.4587
Japan (Yen)	101.57
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2817
Norway (Krone)	5.9431
Philippines (Peso)	43.76
Poland (Zloty)	3.36
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2506
South Korea (Won)	1,024.57
Switzerland (Franc)	0.8907
Thailand (Baht)	32.50
Turkey (New Lira)	2.0037

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies one local unit, except for the U.S. dollar, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	2.75
Federal funds market rate	0.08
3-month bill	0.03
30-year bond	3.33

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Saturday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	90	56	Pcly	Chatanooga	67	45	Cldy	Fort Wayne	60	39	Cldy	Louisville	64	44	Pcly	Pocatello	77	49	Pcly
Akron, Ohio	55	42	Cldy	Cheney	62	40	Cldy	Fresno	92	61	Cldy	Lubbock	80	53	Pcly	Portland, Maine	63	43	Pcly
Albany, N.Y.	70	55	Cldy	Chicago	61	38	Cldy	Goodland	66	42	Cldy	Macon	81	48	Pcly	Portland, Ore.	66	52	Cldy
Albuquerque	86	55	Pcly	Cincinnati	62	39	Cldy	Grand Junction	83	52	Pcly	Madison	30	56	Cldy	Providence	74	50	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	70	48	Pcly	Cleveland	55	43	Rain	Grand Rapids	54	38	Cldy	Medford	73	48	Cldy	Pueblo	78	44	Cldy
Anchorage	66	47	Cir	Colorado Springs	73	41	Cldy	Great Falls	68	42	Cldy	Mempphis	67	53	Cldy	Raleigh-Durham	73	48	Cldy
Asheville	65	39	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	79	46	Pcly	Green Bay	53	36	Cldy	Miami Beach	81	68	Cir	Reno	82	53	Cldy
Atlanta	75	51	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	80	53	Pcly	Hartford	71	45	Pcly	Midland-Odessa	89	60	Cldy	Richmond	74	51	Cldy
Atlantic City	74	53	Pcly	Corpus Christi	61	40	Cldy	Harrisburg	72	49	Pcly	Midwaukee	55	38	Cldy	Roanoke	64	46	Pcly
Austin	73	51	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	71	57	Rain	Helena	72	53	Cldy	Missoula	71	44	Cldy	Rochester	59	43	Pcly
Baltimore	71	49	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	84	57	Cldy	Honolulu	87	73	Cir	Monterey	81	51	Cldy	Rockford	67	57	Pcly
Baton Rouge	84	55	Cir	Dayton	60	40	Cldy	Houston	84	60	Pcly	Montgomery	84	52	Pcly	Sacramento	84	54	Cir
Bilings	68	46	Cldy	Denver	83	61	Cir	Huntsville	70	48	Cldy	Nashville	65	46	Cldy	St. Louis	66	41	Cldy
Birmingham	76	49	Cldy	Des Moines	63	40	Cldy	Indianapolis	60	39	Cldy	New Orleans	82	61	Cir	St. Peterburg	63	47	Cldy
Bismarck	67	38	Pcly	Detroit	57	42	Rain	Jacksonville	81	53	Pcly	New York City	71	55	Pcly	St. Thomas	85	77	Pcly
Boise	77	51	Pcly	Duluth	57	33	Pcly	Janeau	82	53	Pcly	Newark	73	55	Pcly	Salerno, Ore.	68	48	Cldy
Boston	72	60	Rain	El Paso	94	67	Cir	Kansas City	66	38	Pcly	Norfolk, Va.	75	58	Cldy	Salt Lake City	79	58	Pcly
Bridgeport	73	51	Cldy	Elkins	58	40	Cldy	Kearney	83	73	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	75	58	Cldy	San Antonio	81	51	Cldy
Brownsville	84	65	Cir	Erie	55	40	Rain	Knoxville	67	43	Cldy	Omaha	67	40	Cir	San Diego	72	54	Pcly
Buffalo	58	44	Cldy	Eugene	67	48	Cldy	Lake Charles	82	62	Pcly	Orlando	85	61	Cir	San Francisco	69	54	Pcly
Burlington, Vt.	70	52	Pcly	Evansville	63	40	Pcly	Lansing	55	39	Cldy	Paduach	66	43	Pcly	San Jose	83	45	Pcly
Caribou, Maine	70	52	Pcly	Fairbanks	66	44	Cldy	Las Vegas	100	75	Cldy	Pendleton	74	51	Pcly	Santa Fe	83	45	Pcly
Charleston, S.C.	69	39	Cldy	Fargo	65	35	Cir	Lexington	63	41	Pcly	Perth	68	43	Pcly	St. Marie	49	32	Cldy
Charleston, W.Va.	79	51	Cir	Flagstaff	77	43	Cir	Lincoln	66	38	Pcly	Philadelphia	72	54	Pcly	Savannah	81	51	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	64	43	Cldy	Flint	55	38	Rain	Little Rock	67	48	Cldy	Phoenix	103	74	Cir	Seattle	62	52	Cldy
				Fort Smith	71	49	Cldy	Los Angeles	80	62	Cir	Pittsburgh	60	43	Cldy	Shreveport	81	55	Pcly

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National temperature extremes  
Hi: Thu., 109, Death Valley, Calif.  
Low: Thu., 20, Flasher, N.D. and  
Hettinger, N.D.



## NATION

# A stitch in time

## Prison knitting class imparts empathy, life lessons, accountability

By MICHAEL LIVINGSTON II

The Washington Post

**I**n a library room with bare shelves, Lynn Zwierling dumped balls of yarn, needles and scissors onto two folding tables and sat down to knit with her class. A new student entered the room: peach fuzz on his chin, temple fade haircut, wearing a gray Department of Corrections sweater. As he sat across from his 20 classmates, Reggie Della, 55, told him to "pick up some yarn and needles. Then you can be a knitting homie, too."

At Dorsey Run Correctional Facility in Jessup, one of the most popular recreational programs is a weekly Thursday afternoon knitting class created by Zwierling, 69, designed to teach more than two dozen inmates discipline, empathy, patience and a professional work ethic through the slow, quiet practice of turning balls of yarn into colorful creations.

For the instructors and the students, it's more than just another activity to help prisoners pass the weeks, months and years.

"This isn't about knitting. This is resocialization," said Zwierling, who created the program after picking up the practice soon after she retired.

To help impart life lessons, Zwierling and her co-teachers structure the class with exacting rules: To be a member, every student must sign an attendance sheet to encourage accountability. Profanity, racial slurs, off-color jokes and nicknames are prohibited. Students are banned if they break any of the rules, and the men are prohibited from missing three classes in a row unless they are sick or observing a religious holiday.

"They appreciate being more than a number or a nickname," Zwierling said. "They appreciate us learning their individuality. They like the civility of the group."

Perhaps the last rule is one of the most important: Every new classmate must tell someone they've hurt or disappointed about their weekly practice and eventually knit that person a hat. "I'm going to tell my mother," said a young student, whose name wasn't cleared for publication by the facility.

In many cases, Zwierling is the closest thing to a maternal figure the students have at Dorsey Run, a minimum-security federal prison of 500 men. Indeed, part of the program's intent is to instill a sense of giving. The hats Zwierling's students make are donated to a nearby charity and Baltimore City public school students.

"That's their opportunity to be empathic. They say to themselves, 'I used to be that kid going to school without a hat,'" said Zwierling, a woman of average height with short gray hair and dark glasses who wears her own handmade clothes. "I think the lack of empathy is a major rea-

son we have criminals. If that was heavily reinforced, I think it'd make a major difference."

The first hats the students make are for their loved ones — mothers, children, significant others. So when the letters aren't mailed and the visits aren't as frequent, they're still remembered for the hat that took weeks or months to perfect. Percell Arrington, 42, made hats for his two sons — one burgundy and gold for the Redskins and the other navy and silver for the Cowboys. William Bright's first two hats were for his significant other.

"I've learned a lot of patience from Lynn, and knitting helps me relax," said Bright, 45, who was arrested for robbery in 2012.

A self-proclaimed knitting evangelist, Zwierling's activism began in the 1960s when she marched as a peacenik.

"We're wayward women and misguided hippies," Zwierling said of herself and fellow instructors Sheila Rovelstad, 63, an artist from Columbia, Md., and Lea Hiers, 64, a MARC train operations clerk from Laurel, Md. "We come from a generation that believes the individual has the potential to impact society."

A car saleswoman for 18 years, Zwierling learned how to knit by watching YouTube videos.

She met Rovelstad and Hiers through knitting groups she formed on Meetup, a social-networking site for people with similar interests to convene.

With their help, Zwierling hatched a plan to share her newfound love of knitting with people who dealt with stress and tension regularly.

"Whose population would really enjoy something that calmed them down, that made them feel good?" Rovelstad said. "When you go to prison, it's like you're put on hold. The rest of the world goes on without you. It's like a pause button."

Getting the facility to trust the program wasn't easy. Margaret Chippendale was the administrator of Dorsey Run who approved the program in 2009. She saw it as an opportunity at what she calls "restorative justice."

"At the time, I was looking for additional programming for my students," Chippendale said. She had her reservations — as did officials at other prisons — about needles and scissors being brought into prison, but Zwierling persisted for five years.

"Lynn wouldn't quit; she's

**'This isn't about knitting. This is resocialization.'**

Lynn Zwierling

Creator of knitting program for inmates

a force to be reckoned with."

That doesn't stop officials from watching with a careful eye. The guards count everything — every skein and ball of yarn, every pair of needles and every pair of scissors. Security personnel were worried that the students might steal the needles and use them as weapons. "Friends don't steal from friends," Zwierling would tell her students. "Then they'll carefully explain to us that they are not thieves."

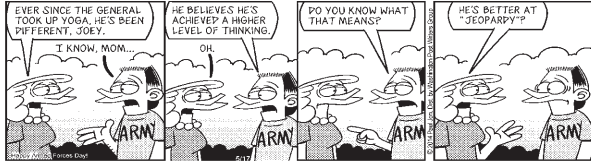
Since Zwierling's project has grown, similar programs have appeared at the Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland, Mich., and the Blaine Street Women's Jail in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Lea Hiers models a finished hat during Knitting Behind Bars, a weekly knitting class for offenders at the Dorsey Run correctional facility in Jessup, Md.

Bill O'Leary  
The Washington Post



## Fort Knox



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EASTERN CONFERENCE		W	T	Pts	GF	GA
Portland	5	3	2	17	15	8
Seattle	5	3	2	17	15	8
San Jose	4	4	2	14	13	11
Houston	4	4	2	14	15	9
San Diego	4	4	2	14	13	11
Columbus	3	4	3	12	11	11
Philadelphia	3	4	3	12	11	15
Toronto FC	3	4	0	9	7	9
Chicago	1	2	6	8	17	18
Montreal	1	2	6	8	17	17

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

## Western Conference

WESTERN CONFERENCE		W	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	7	3	1	22	29	12
Portland	6	3	1	21	12	12
FC Dallas	5	3	1	16	20	9
Vancouver	4	3	3	16	12	12
San Jose	4	3	3	16	12	12
San Diego	4	3	3	16	12	12
San Jose	2	3	4	10	11	11
Chivas USA	2	5	3	9	12	19
Colorado	2	5	3	9	12	19

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

## Wednesday's game

Philadelphia 2, Sporting Kansas City 1  
New York at Toronto FC  
D.C. United at New England  
New England at Philadelphia  
Chivas USA at FC Dallas  
San Jose at Seattle  
Colorado at Real Salt Lake  
Columbus at Portland  
Portland at New York  
Seattle FC at Vancouver  
FC Dallas at Columbus  
D.C. United at New England  
New England at Philadelphia  
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake  
Seattle at Portland  
Philadelphia at Los Angeles  
Houston at San Jose

## NWSL

NWSL		W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	3	1	2	11	7	4	4
Portland	3	1	2	11	7	4	4
Western New York	3	1	2	11	7	4	4
FC Kansas City	3	1	2	11	7	4	4
Washington Spirit	3	1	2	11	7	4	4
Sky Blue FC	1	3	6	6	10	6	10
Portland Thorns	1	5	3	3	11	11	11

Note: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

## Wednesday's games

Portland 3, FC Kansas City 2  
Seattle FC 3, FC Kansas City 2  
Chicago 3, Boston 1  
Saturday's game  
Western New York at Washington Spirit  
Sunday's games  
Houston FC Kansas City at Boston  
Chicago at Washington Spirit  
Saturday, May 21  
Sky Blue FC at Washington Spirit  
Seattle FC at FC Kansas City  
Western New York at Seattle FC  
Portland Thorns at Portland Thorns  
Monday, May 26  
Houston at Washington Spirit

## College lacrosse

## NCAA Division I tournament

**Quarterfinals**  
Saturday, May 17  
at Hempstead, N.Y.  
Maryland vs. Bryant  
Albany (NY) vs. North Carolina  
at Newark, Del.  
Johns Hopkins vs. Duke  
Drexel vs. Denver  
**Semifinals**  
Saturday, May 24  
at M&T Bank Stadium  
Albany (NY) vs. Duke  
Maryland vs. Johns Hopkins  
Drexel vs. Denver  
**Championship**  
Monday, May 26  
at M&T Bank Stadium  
Baltimore  
Semifinal winners

## College softball

## NCAA Division I tournament

**Regional Double Elimination**  
Self-necessary  
Seattle Region  
Thursday, May 15  
BYU 7, Northwestern 2  
Washington 8, Iowa 0  
Friday, May 16  
Game 3: BYU (34-21), vs. Washington (34-18)  
Game 4: Northwestern (33-17) vs. Iowa (24-23)  
Game 5: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner  
Eugene (Ore.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
Wisconsin (34-19), vs. Albany (NY) (33-11)  
Utah Valley (18-40) at Oregon (49-7-1)  
Mississippi Region  
Friday, May 16  
Auburn (39-17), vs. North Dakota State (35-16)  
Michigan (42-12) at Minnesota (41-9)  
Tempe (Ariz.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
Gibson (42-12) vs. San Diego State (39-17)  
Dartmouth (31-17) at Arizona State (44-10)  
Tallahassee (Fla.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
South Carolina (35-20), vs. South Florida (40-15)  
Fordham (36-18) at Florida State (50-6)  
Gainesville (Fla.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
Stetson (38-12) vs. UCF (41-16)  
Stetson (44-27) at Florida (45-11)  
Crestview (Texas) Region  
Friday, May 16  
Houston (32-19) at Tulsa (50-7)  
Northwestern State (30-20)  
Athens (Ga.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
N.C. State (34-16), vs. UAB (31-25)  
Chattanooga (34-19) at Georgia (45-12)  
Los Angeles Region  
Friday, May 16  
Long Beach State (34-7), vs. Notre Dame (39-11)  
Southern Utah (23-29) at UCLA (48-6)  
Lexington (Ky.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
James Madison (44-13), vs. DePaul (41-9)  
Ohio (32-24) at Kentucky (44-15)  
Tucson (Ariz.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
Louisville (36-20), vs. UAB (35-22)  
Boston University (35-19) at Arizona (41-13)  
Lafayette (La.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
Texas (33-21), vs. Mississippi State (38-19)  
Texas Southern (31-18) at Louisiana-Lafayette (44-8-1)  
Norman (Okla.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
Hofstra (32-19), vs. Texas A&M (35-20)  
Bryant (32-20) at Oklahoma (45-10)  
Knoxville (Tenn.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
Lipscomb (39-13), vs. Virginia Tech (35-21)  
Charleston Southern (27-31-1) at Tennessee (42-21-1)  
Columbia (Mo.) Region  
Friday, May 16  
Kansas (33-15), vs. Nebraska (40-15)  
Bradley (27-30) at Missouri (41-16)  
South Carolina (40-12) vs. South Carolina State (45-7)  
SIU Edwardsville (30-21) at Alabama (45-11)  
Super Regions  
Friday, May 22-25  
Eugene champion vs. Minneapolis champion  
Waco champion vs. Tallahassee champion  
Gainesville champion vs. Seattle champion  
Waco champion vs. Athens champion  
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World Series  
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## Pro basketball

## WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE		W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	0	0.000	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0.000	0
Indiana	0	0	0	0.000	0
New York	0	0	0	0.000	0

## Western Conference

WESTERN CONFERENCE		W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0.000	0
Phoenix	0	0	0	0.000	0
San Antonio	0	0	0	0.000	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0.000	0
Tulsa	0	0	0	0.000	0

## Thursday's games

No games scheduled  
Friday's games  
New York at Connecticut  
Los Angeles at Washington  
San Antonio at Atlanta  
Atlanta at Chicago  
Los Angeles at Seattle  
Atlanta at Indiana  
Tulsa at San Antonio  
Chicago at New York  
Seattle at Phoenix

## College baseball

## Thursday's scores

EAST		W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	5	1	4	0.200	0
Temple	4	1	3	0.111	0

## Midwest

MIDWEST		W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	5	1	4	0.200	0
Temple	4	1	3	0.111	0

## Southwest

SOUTHWEST		W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	5	1	4	0.200	0
Temple	4	1	3	0.111	0

## Tournaments

NCAA Division II		W	L	Pct	GB
Shepherd	4	1	3	0.111	0
St. Louis	5	1	4	0.200	0

## NCAA Division III

NCAA Division III		W	L	Pct	GB
Shepherd	4	1	3	0.111	0
St. Louis	5	1	4	0.200	0

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## Deals

## Thursday's transactions

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
BALTIMORE - Signed RHPs Preston Gifford and Kevin Gausman to Norfolk (IL). Recalled RHP Evan Meeks from Norfolk to Norfolk (IL).  
CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Sent LHP Chris Sale to Norfolk (IL) for RHP Chad Green (IL) for rehab assignment.  
CLEVELAND - Placed OF Nyjer Morgan on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Jesus Aguilar from Columbus (IL).  
HOUSTON - Placed RHP Anthony Bass on the 15-day DL, reactivated RHPs Rebeca and Josh Fields from Oklahoma City (PCL).  
MINNESOTA TWINS - Options Of Oswaldo Arcia to Rochester (IL).  
NEW YORK YANKEES - Reinstated RHP Bruce Billings from the 15-day DL and designated him for assignment. Placed RHP Carlos Beltran on the 15-day DL, reactivated to Tuesday. Selected the contract of RHP Chase Whitley from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).  
OAKLAND ATHLETICS - Acquired OF/1B Jake Banks from San Diego for OF Jake Goebert and a player to be named. Placed RHP Carlos Beltran on the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Carlos Beltran on the 15-day DL. Placed RHP Carlos Beltran on the 15-day DL.  
TEXAS RANGERS - Sent LHP Joe Saunders and 2B Donor Murphy to Round Rock (IL) for RHPs Josh Jung and Sean Lugo. Recalled OF Josh Jung from Round Rock (IL) for rehab assignment.  
TORONTO BLUE JAYS - Placed OF Colby Rasmus on the 15-day DL, reactivated to Tuesday. Recalled OF Anthony Gose from Round Rock (IL) for rehab assignment.

## National League

CHICAGO CUBS - Placed LHP RHP Rosscup on the 15-day DL, reactivated to Saturday. Reinstated RHP Jose Veras from the 15-day DL.  
CINCINNATI REDS - Options RHP Nick Hamilton to the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of LHP Jeff Francis from Louisville. Transferred RHP Matt Latos to the 15-day DL.  
MIAMI MARLINS - Selected the contract of RHP Jose Veras from the 15-day DL.  
MILWAUKEE BREWERS - Sent LHP Tom Gorzelski to Brevard County (FLS) for a rehab assignment.  
NEW YORK METS - Transferred RHP Bobby Parnham to the 60-day DL. Assigned RHP Kyle Farnsworth to the 60-day DL. Assigned RHP Kyle Farnsworth to the 60-day DL. Assigned RHP Kyle Farnsworth to the 60-day DL.  
PHILADELPHIA - Sent RHP Miguel Alfredo Gonzalez to Clearwater (FLS) for a rehab assignment.  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES - Options Of Jeff Decker to Indianapolis (IL). Reinstated LHP Wander Franco from the 15-day DL.  
SAN DIEGO PADRES - Reinstated RHP Dale Thayer from paternity leave. Placed RHP Dale Thayer from paternity leave. Placed RHP Dale Thayer from paternity leave. Placed RHP Dale Thayer from paternity leave.

## National Basketball Association

NEW YORK KNICKS - Signed RHP Bobby Parnham to the 60-day DL. Assigned RHP Kyle Farnsworth to the 60-day DL. Assigned RHP Kyle Farnsworth to the 60-day DL. Assigned RHP Kyle Farnsworth to the 60-day DL.

## National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS - Signed TE

## Tennis

## Thursday

**AT For Italico**  
**Rome**  
Purse: Men, \$1,000,000 (Masters)  
Women, \$3,500,000 (Premier)  
Surface: Hardwood  
Singles  
First Round  
Tommy Haas (15), Germany, vs. Stanislas Wawrinka (13), Switzerland, 6-3, 6-3.  
Nicola Pietrangeli (10), Canada, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (11), France, 7-6 (5), 6-4.  
Ester Murray (7), Britain, def. Jürgen Melzer (10), Austria, 7-6 (5), 6-4.  
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Ivan Dodig (14), Croatia, 6-4, 6-3.  
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Mikhail Youzhny (14), Russia, 6-3, 6-4.  
Grigor Dimitrov (12), Bulgaria, def. Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-2.  
David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Ernests Gulbis (10), Latvia, 6-4, 6-3.  
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

## Third Round

Carlos Suarez Navarro (13), Spain, def. Simona Halep (4), Romania, walkover.  
Nicola Pietrangeli (10), Canada, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (11), France, 7-6 (5), 6-4.  
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## Quarterfinals

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## Final

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## Doubles

Bob and Mike Bryan, United States, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Aisam-ul-Haque, Pakistan, 6-4, 6-4.  
Robin Haas, Netherlands, and Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Treat Huey, Philippines, and Dominic Inglot, France, 7-6 (2), 6-2.  
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## SPORTS BRIEFS/NBA

## Briefly

## Marlins' ace to undergo surgery

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Miami Marlins ace Jose Fernandez will have Tommy John surgery Friday, ending the season for the reigning NL Rookie of the Year.

Manager Mike Redmond announced Thursday the right-hander would have the elbow ligament transplant procedure. The decision was expected after the 21-year-old Fernandez was put on the disabled list this week.

"Our focus is to get him back," Redmond said before the Marlins began a four-game series in San Francisco. "I'm glad he's having it done and starting his recovery process. Obviously it's a big blow for us."

The operation will be done in Los Angeles. Fernandez became the latest in a string of major league pitchers this year who have needed Tommy John surgery.

Fernandez was 4-2 with a 2.44 ERA in eight starts this season.

Anthony DeSclafani, who started in place of Fernandez and made his major league debut during Sunday's 13-3 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers, will remain in the Marlins' rotation.

In other MLB news:

■ Yankees outfielder Carlos Beltran was placed on the 15-day disabled list Thursday because a pain-relief injection did not ease the effects of a bone spur in his right elbow.

The eight-time All-Star was given a cortisone injection Monday night, soon after he felt a sharp pain in his elbow while taking swings in the batting cage during a game against the Mets.

"I'm getting better but not to the point where I'm capable of swinging the bat 100 percent," Beltran said. "Right now we just hope to give the injection or they give me some cortisone by mouth, pills by mouth, to try to make it better. Let's say in 15 days it doesn't get better, then we have to talk about it and make another decision."

If the elbow doesn't improve Beltran would likely need surgery, which could sideline him six to eight weeks. Beltran has never had an elbow injury in his career so he is trying to focus only on returning after the 15 days are up.

## Manziel sent text urging Browns to draft him

CLEVELAND — The Browns' quarterbacks coach says the team received a text from Johnny Manziel during last week's draft urging them to select him.

Cleveland passed on the Texas A&M quarterback earlier in the first round but selected him with their second pick.

During a radio interview on ESPN Arkansas, Browns quarterbacks coach Dowell Loggains says Manziel sent him a text that read: "Hurry up and draft me because I want to wreck this league



LENNY FERNANDEZ/AP

Marlins starting pitcher and reigning NL Rookie of the Year Jose Fernandez will miss the remainder of the season after it was announced he would undergo Tommy John surgery on Friday.

together."

Loggains says he forwarded the text to first-year Browns coach Mike Pettine and owner Jimmy Haslam, who said, "Pull the trigger. We're trading up to go get this guy."

The Browns made their third trade of the first round and moved to No. 22 to nab Manziel. He joins Cleveland's other draft picks and rookie free agents at minicamp this weekend.

In other NFL news:

■ The recurrence of cancer isn't tempering Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly's resolve to keep the Bills in Buffalo.

Kelly released a statement Thursday vowing to beat cancer and preserve his former team's long-term future at the same time.

Kelly says radiation and chemotherapy treatments for sinus cancer are going well, but notes he's "not out of the woods."

As for the Bills, Kelly remains interested in joining a prospective ownership group to buy the team. Kelly's brother, Dan, said he's had several conversations with at least one candidate, New York City developer Donald Trump.

The Bills' future is uncertain after owner Ralph Wilson died in March.

Jim Kelly urged fans to show their support and convince prospective owners to keep the team in the region.

## Penguins fire general manager Ray Shero

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Penguins have fired general manager Ray Shero while the status of coach Dan Bylsma will be evaluated.

Team co-owners Mario Lemieux and Ron Burkle said Friday it was time to take the franchise in a new direction after the team's latest playoff flameout.

Assistant general manager Jason Botterill will serve as general manager on an interim basis.

The Penguins rolled to the Metropolitan Division title this season but failed yet again to produce a bookend to the championship by win with stars Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

Pittsburgh is still 4-5 in playoff series since raising the Stanley Cup in 2009.

In other NHL news:

■ Buffalo Sabres forward Zenon Konopka accepted responsibility for testing positive for a banned substance that led to the NHL's decision to suspend him for 20 games on Thursday.

Without revealing what the substance was, Konopka defended himself by saying it was an ingredient found in an over-the-counter product and not used as a performance-enhancer.

"I take full responsibility for this error. As a professional athlete, I am responsible for what I

put in my body, and I am to blame for this mistake," Konopka said in a statement. "Unfortunately, I did not take the necessary care to ensure that the product did not contain a prohibited substance."

## Errani beats Li Na to reach Rome semifinals

ROME — Sara Errani took advantage of a supportive crowd to beat second-seeded Li Na 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 Friday and reach the Italian Open semifinals for the second consecutive year.

The 10th-seeded Errani is attempting to become the first Italian woman to win the tournament since Raffaella Reggi took the title 29 years ago in Taranto.

Errani's semifinal opponent will be either 2007 and 2008 Rome champion Jelena Jankovic or third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska.

In men's play on an overcast day at the Foro Italico, eighth-seeded Milos Raonic held off Jeremy Chardy of France 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 and will next play either Novak Djokovic or David Ferrer. Also reaching the last four was Grigor Dimitrov, who celebrated his 23rd birthday with a win when 36-year-old Tommy Haas retired after losing the first set 6-2 due to a right shoulder injury.

Dimitrov's semifinal opponent will be either seven-time Rome champion Rafael Nadal or Wimbledon winner Andy Murray.

## NBA likely to win in legal fight

By Curt Anderson  
The Associated Press

A cadre of attorneys and a flurry of lawsuits could certainly slow down the NBA's plan to force Donald Sterling to sell the Los Angeles Clippers over his recent racist comments, but legal experts say the league would likely prevail in the end.

And that goes for Sterling's wife, Shelly, who has said she'd like to keep her stake in the team even if her husband is ousted.

**'Sterling's own signature will come back to haunt him.'**

Michael McCann, University of New Hampshire

The NBA's constitution, which Donald Sterling signed, as controlling owner of the Clippers, gives its board of governors broad latitude in league decisions including who owns the teams. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver is pushing for a swift vote against Sterling, which requires a minimum of three-fourths of the other 29 controlling owners to agree.

Silver also has imposed a lifetime ban on Sterling and a \$2.5 million fine. The ban does not apply to Shelly Sterling.

SL.com and ESPN.com, citing unidentified sources, reported Thursday that Sterling's lawyer, antitrust litigator Maxwell Blecher, wrote a letter to Rick Buchanan, the NBA's executive vice president and general counsel, threatening to sue the league and saying Sterling will not pay the \$2.5 million fine.

"Sterling's own signature will come back to haunt him," said Michael McCann, founding director of the Sports and Entertainment Law Institute at the University of New Hampshire. "You agree to certain basic understandings. That's what makes a sports league different from other businesses."

The key to the NBA's authority, attorneys say, is Article 13(d) of the league's constitution. That section says that, whether Sterling intended to or not, an owner cannot "fail or refuse to fulfill" contractual obligations to the NBA "in such a way to affect the Association or its members adversely."

If Article 13(d) was violated, the legal experts say the board of governors has solid grounds to force Sterling to sell the team along with any other owners, in this case his wife Shelly.

As long as the NBA meticulously follows its own constitution and rules regarding the Clippers sale, it will be difficult for Sterling to find a legal theory that would stand up in court, said Daniel Lazaroff, director of the Sports Law Institute at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

# AUTO RACING



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

France's Simon Pagenaud sits in his car Wednesday as he waits to practice for the Indianapolis 500.

## Five things to know

# Up to speed Pagenaud fastest at Indy practice

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Simon Pagenaud already has one Indianapolis victory in his pocket. He may soon be in position to win the second of this month's triple crown.

Four days after becoming the first IndyCar driver to win a road race at the famous speedway, the Frenchman jumped to the top of the speed chart on one of the strangest practice days in memory. Pagenaud turned a fast lap of 226.122 mph Wednesday — becoming the first driver to top 226 mph this week — after track officials extended practice by one hour.

"It's always enjoyable to get close to 230. Hopefully, we can break that in qualifying," Pagenaud said in his normally understated tone. "That would be great, but the car is fantastic. I'm very happy."

American J.R. Hildebrand was second at 225.854 mph.

"It's great to see that the car has the speed in it because at the end of the day you rarely go through practice with guys that are capable of setting those fast times, they end up being the guys that have the quicker cars," said Hildebrand, who is driving for Ed Carpenter. "Certainly our focus is trying to make sure not what we put in a big low lap, but that we can catch up to that guy and pass him, and leapfrog through the

next few guys."

Here are five other things to know from Wednesday's practice:

**1 Quick trip:** Though 29 cars made it onto the track for practice, one was notably absent: Kurt Busch's No. 26. With the forecast calling for rain all day Wednesday, the 2004 NASCAR Sprint Cup champion who is attempting to become the fourth driver to complete "the double" decided to make a quick trip to Stewart-Haas Racing headquarters in Charlotte. He was expected to return for Indy practice Thursday and Friday.

**2 Rookie crash:** English rookie Jack Hawksworth became the first driver to crash on the oval this month. He spun in the third turn and slammed into the SAFER barrier before stopping in the chute between the third and fourth turns. Practice was halted after the crash, at 6 p.m., so the SAFER barrier could be repaired. Hawksworth climbed out of the car on his own, was checked at the infield medical center and cleared to drive. "I have no idea what happened, to be honest. We just went into three and it just snapped, so we'll have to look into it," he said.

**3 Penalties:** Series officials also handed down three penalties from Saturday's race. Chevrolet was fined \$20,000 and docked 10 engine manufacturer's points for viola-

ting rules on torque and traction control. Jim Campbell, the U.S. vice president in charge of performance vehicles for the company, said in a statement the company disagrees with the ruling. IndyCar also fined Sam Schmidt's team for breaking a rule on the underlying splitter on Pagenaud's winning No. 77 car. Team Penske was fined \$1,000 for breaking a rule on the differential assembly on Helio Castroneves' No. 3 car.

**4 Forecasting problems:** Rain wiped out almost nine hours of practice time over the past two days, and the weather isn't expected to get much better until qualifying begins Saturday. There was a 30 percent chance of rain Thursday and a 50 percent chance of rain Friday. But it's not just the wet weather causing problems. Temperatures were in the 50s on Wednesday and that's where they're expected to stay until Saturday.

**5 Joining the team:** The Andreotti Autosport Formula E team announced Wednesday it will become the first race team to join the Green Sports Alliance. The group is a collaboration of teams, venues and leagues dedicated to the greening of the sports industry. Last year, Andreotti's team won the FIA Formula E Championship, which exclusively features open-wheel race cars powered by electricity.

## Around the track

### SPRINT CUP

**This week:** NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race at Concord, N.C.  
**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m. Sunday, CET.

**Track:** Charlotte Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

**Race distance:** Sprint Showdown, 40 laps (only counting green-flag laps), 60 miles (two 20-lap segments).  
**Sprint All-Star, 90 laps, 135 miles (four 20-lap segments and a 10-lap finale with only green-flag laps counting in the last segment).**

**Last year:** Jimmie Johnson won for the record fourth time, joining the late Davey Allison as only drivers to win two years in a row.

**Last week:** Jeff Gordon won at Kansas Speedway for his 89th Sprint Cup victory, holding off Kevin Harvick.

**Next race:** Coca-Cola 600, May 25, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.

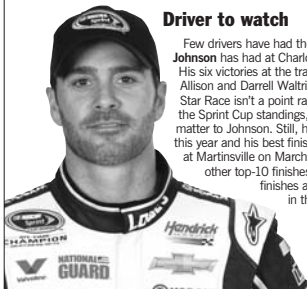
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### Driver standings

1. Jeff Gordon	394
2. Matt Kenseth	379
3. Kyle Busch	373
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	368
5. Carl Edwards	367
6. Joey Logano	346
7. Jimmie Johnson	340
8. Ryan Newman	332
9. Greg Biffle	328
10. Brian Vickers	327
11. Brad Keselowski	326
12. Denny Hamlin	318
13. Kyle Larson	318
14. Austin Dillon	306
15. Kevin Harvick	302
16. Kasey Kahne	294
17. A.J. Allmendinger	293
18. Paul Menard	292
19. Marcos Ambrose	288
20. Clint Bowyer	282

### Driver to watch

Few drivers have had the success that Jimmie Johnson has had at Charlotte Motor Speedway. His six victories at the track tie him with Bobby Allison and Darrell Waltrip. Although the All-Star Race isn't a point race and won't affect the Sprint Cup standings, that doesn't seem to matter to Johnson. Still, he hasn't won a race yet this year and his best finish was a second place at Martinsville on March 30. But he has five other top-10 finishes and two other top-five finishes and sits in seventh place in the standings.



### CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

**This week:** North Carolina Education Lottery 200 at Concord, N.C.  
**TV:** Charlotte Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 miles).

**Race distance:** 201 miles, 134 laps.  
**Last year:** Kyle Busch raced to his fifth series victory at the track.

**Last week:** Busch dominated the caution-filled race at Kansas Speedway.

**Next race:** Lucas Oil 200, May 30, Dover International Speedway, Dover, Del.

Online: nascar.com

### VERIZON INDYCAR

**Next race:** Indianapolis 500, May 25, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis.

**Last week:** France's Simon Pagenaud won the inaugural Grand Prix of Indianapolis.

Online: indycar.com

### NHRA MELLO YELLO DRAG RACING

**This week:** NHRA Summer Nationals at Commerce, Ga.

**TV:** Delayed, AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m. Monday, CET.

**Track:** Atlanta Dragway.  
**Last year:** Antron Brown won the Top Fuel final in the rain-delayed event. Johnny Gray topped the Funny Car field, and Mike Edwards won in Pro Stock.

**Last event:** Erica Enders-Stevens raced to her second Pro Stock victory of the season, winning the Sprint Nationals on April 27 in Baytown, Texas. Brown won in Top Fuel, and Robert Hight topped the Funny Car field.

**Next race:** NHRA Kansas Nationals, May 23-25, Heartland Park Topeka, Topeka, Kan.

Online: nhra.com

### OTHER SERIES

**WORLD OF OUTLAWS Sprint Car:** Saturday, Williams Grove Speedway, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Sunday, Orange County Fair Speedway, Middletown, New York.

Online: worldofoutlaws.com  
Series capsules by The Associated Press



## SOCCER/PREAKNESS



TONY AVELAR/AP

The United States' Clarence Goodson controls the ball during a training session on Wednesday in Stanford, Calif.

## Defender Goodson hoping for greater role at World Cup

By JANIE MCCAULEY  
The Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Clarence Goodson led the U.S. soccer team onto the Stanford Stadium field for Day 1 of World Cup training, about 20 paces ahead of teammates.

Goodson was a member of the 2010 U.S. World Cup team, and the 6-foot-4 defender is hoping that experience will help him earn a trip to Brazil next month, and a greater role this time around.

The competition at his position is stiff, given that coach Jurgen Klinsmann's preliminary 30-player roster features 11 defenders, and he must trim the roster to 23 by June 2.

Goodson, who plays for the San Jose Earthquakes some 20 minutes down the freeway from Stanford University, is among the more experienced American players in training camp, with 46 international appearances, yet the center back was an unused substitute who never saw the field four years ago in South Africa.

"It's certainly a dream, but not just going but being able to play and be a part of it. That's certainly something I'm hopeful of this time around," said Goodson, who turns 32 on Saturday. "It speaks

about longevity, being able to be considered for two World Cups. Not many people get to go to one, so to be considered for two is certainly a big honor, but it's something I've worked very hard for."

Goodson expects to compete for the starting spot at center back — and Klinsmann has said depth at all positions will be important in case of injuries or other factors throughout the World Cup. Earthquakes coach Mark Watson believes Goodson has not only earned the opportunity to play in a second World Cup, but also to take on a greater role than he had during the 2010 tournament.

"We certainly hope so. He's been in the national team program a long time and been a big part of their success," Watson said. "We hope that his play with them, including the most recent game with Mexico he came on as a late sub, and his play with us is going to be enough for him to make the squad. That would be a real honor."

Goodson has the backing of another U.S. and MLS teammate, Earthquakes forward Chris Wondolowski.

"He's very capable, he's been to the World Cup, has the experience and he's great for our team as well," Wondolowski said. "It's always good to have."

# Napravnik has Pimlico ties

## Jockey's Maryland roots run deep at Baltimore track

By DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Rosie Napravnik's roots in Maryland run so deep, many get the impression the highly successful jockey was born there.

"I grew up in New Jersey," Napravnik said this week, "but as far as the racing world goes, I am from Maryland."

Nappravnik left home as a 16-year-old to live in Maryland with trainer Holly Robinson, who had previously hired Jasmine Napravnik to exercise the horses in her stable.

"I kept saying, 'Jas, you're such a good rider,'" Robinson recalled. "And Jas said, 'Wait until you see my little sister. She can ride.'"

Oh, could she ride. Rosie Napravnik soon started getting mounts of her own, and now she's among the best in the business — male or female. A two-time winner of the Kentucky Oaks and the only woman to ride in all three Triple Crown races, Napravnik finished in the top 10 in earnings nationally in each of the past two years and is currently the leading money winner at prestigious Churchill Downs.

On Saturday, Nappravnik, 26, will team with Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert on Bayern at the Preakness. She also will compete in the Pimlico Special and Miss Preakness aboard a Baffert-trained horse.

"I ride her because she's a great rider and I think she's getting better and better," Baffert said. "She's better this year than she was last year. I've seen her really changing a lot. Once you have it, you still need the horse underneath you. A great jockey like her keeps a good horse from getting beat."

Nappravnik has won races all over the country, but nothing gives her a thrill like competing at Pimlico Race Course. Should she get into the winner's circle with Bayern, it would be the highlight of her sensational career.

"I'll tell you what, if it's not higher on the priority list than the Kentucky Derby it's right there with it," Nappravnik said. "I just have so many people there that are responsible for getting me started and supporting me during the early years of my career. It's a great place for a young rider to start. The Maryland circuit and the people in it are a huge part of how I became successful."

Robinson did what she could to help Nappravnik develop, including introduce her to Maryland-based trainer Dickie Small, who had the horses and expertise to take the teenager to a higher level. Nappravnik rode her first winner for Small as a 17-year-old aboard Rindkiddmonds on June 9, 2005, at Pimlico.



MARK CORNELISON, LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER/MCT

Former Kentucky Gov. Brereton C. Jones helps jockey Rosie Napravnik raise the trophy after she won the 138th running of the Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., in 2012. Napravnik is a two-time Kentucky Oaks winner and the only woman to ride in all three Triple Crown races.

**"The Maryland circuit... (was) a huge part of how I became successful."**

Rosie Napravnik  
Bayern jockey

Small died last month at 68, but the memory of what he did for Nappravnik will almost certainly stay within her forever.

"He didn't just give me the chance, he gave me knowledge, confidence and extended

my horsemanship," Nappravnik said. "I guarantee if I win any race this week at Pimlico, he will be one of the first thoughts that crosses my mind. Dickie has always been — since the first Derby, when I won the Oaks — something that I'm thinking about, just because I feel like it's my way of repaying what he's done for me."

Robinson and Small laid the groundwork for Nappravnik's success, but the jockey herself deserves a ton of the credit.

"I call her my little redhead freak," Robinson said. "She has gone and excelled. She is so competitive. She is so opposite of what people thought she was going to be. When she first started riding races, you thought you were going

to get this bouncy little girl that says, 'Hi. How are you?'

"People thought she wasn't very friendly because she walks up to you, shakes your hand and says, 'OK, what would you like me to do and what can you teach me?'" She was business then and she's business now."

Nappravnik's racing career took root in Maryland, but Robinson knows it probably would have blossomed anywhere she landed.

"She had in mind her goals, and Dickie helped her get to those goals," Robinson said. "Did Dickie make her? No. We all gave her a leg up, we all helped and it made it easier. But if Rosie ended up staying in New Jersey she still would have made it because she wanted it that bad."

Her motivation for winning the Preakness has nothing to do with becoming the first woman to do so.

"Any jockey would aspire to win the Oaks or aspire to win the Derby or win the Preakness," Napravnik said. "It's not going to be incredible because I am a female. It would be incredible for any jockey. ... That is what I've strived for in my career, to get the level where I'll have the opportunity to ride in these big races. That's the thrill of it all."

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## MLB



MORREY GASH/AP

The Brewers' Khris Davis hits a broken-bat, walk-off, two-run single in the ninth inning of Thursday's game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Milwaukee. The Brewers won 4-3.

## NL roundup

# Davis' broken-bat single lifts Milwaukee

The Associated Press

**MILWAUKEE** — Khris Davis hit a game-ending two-run single and the Milwaukee Brewers rallied in the ninth off Pittsburgh Pirates closer Mark Melancon for a 4-3 win Thursday.

Ryan Braun led off the inning by singling to right before Melancon (1-2) walked the next two hitters to load the bases with nobody out.

Up came Davis, who smashed his broken-but hit into short center to drive in Braun and Jonathan Lucroy. Teammates showered Davis with cups of water in the face in celebration after he reached first.

The comeback spoiled the return of Pirates starter Randy Rodriguez from the disabled list with right knee inflammation. Rodriguez allowed solo homers to Rickie

Weeks and Martin Maldonado but struck out four in his first start since April 19.

**Reds 5-1, Padres**

**O-6:** Rene Rivera hit the first of his team's three homers and Tyson Ross allowed three hits in seven innings, leading visiting San Diego to a split of its doubleheader with Cincinnati.

Johnny Cueto pitched a three-hitter for his second shutout in the opener of the day-night doubleheader.

The Padres won their first series on the road this season, taking two of three. They have won five of their last six games, their



Cueto

best stretch of the season.

Cueto is the first Reds pitcher to go at least seven innings in each of his first nine starts since Bucky Walters in 1944.

**Giants 6, Marlins 4:** Buster Posey hit a go-ahead double as part of a three-run fifth inning and host San Francisco held on to beat Miami.

Mike Morse homered for the second consecutive game and drove in three runs while Hunter Pence added three hits and scored twice for the Giants, who trailed by three runs before rallying to bail out struggling starter Matt Cain.

Cain (1-3) earned his first win of the season despite another shaky outing at AT&T Park. The former San Francisco ace gave up two home runs and allowed all the Marlins' scoring in the first three innings before settling down to pitch into

the eighth.

Garrett Jones hit his sixth home run for Miami.

**Cardinals 5, Cubs 3:** Michael Wacha pitched seven innings and drove in two runs for host St. Louis.

Wacha (3-3) had lost his last three decisions since an April 13 win over the Cubs. The 22-year-old right-hander allowed seven hits, including a homer, but did not walk a batter. He struck out five.

Trevor Rosenthal pitched 1 1/3 innings for his 11th save. Rosenthal, who blew a save Tuesday, inherited a one-out, bases-loaded situation and gave up a sacrifice fly, but closed out the inning and retired the side in the ninth.

The Cubs have lost nine of their last 11 and are off to their worst start in 39 games (13-26) since 2002.



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

The Angels' Mike Trout celebrates his three-run, walk-off home run against the Tampa Bay Rays during the ninth inning of Thursday's game in Anaheim, Calif.

## AL roundup

## Trout homer caps Angels' rally

The Associated Press

**ANAHEIM, California** — Mike Trout greeted Brad Boxberger with a three-run, walk-off homer to cap a four-run ninth inning and give the Los Angeles Angels a 6-5 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday night in the opener of a four-game series.

Rays closer Grant Balfour came on in the ninth to try to protect a 5-2 lead for Erik Bedard, but walked his first two batters before giving up an RBI single by Collin Cowgill. Trout jumped on a 1-1 pitch from Boxberger (0-1) and drove it into the top tier of the double-decker bullpen in left field for his eighth homer.

**Twins 4, Red Sox 3:** Aaron

Hicks delivered the game-winning single in the bottom of the 10th and Phil Hughes struck out eight in six innings to help host Minnesota beat Boston in the series finale.

All-Star closer Glen Perkins blew his second save of the season, giving up a two-run single to Will Middlebrooks with the bases loaded that tied the game in the ninth inning. But Kurt Suzuki doubled down the left-field line and Hicks, who entered the day hitting .161, lined a 3-2 pitch to left field off of Andrew Miller (1-2) to win it.

**Blue Jays 4, Indians 2:** Edwin Encarnacion hit two home runs, Juan Francisco also connected and host Toronto gave manager

John Gibbons his 400th career win.

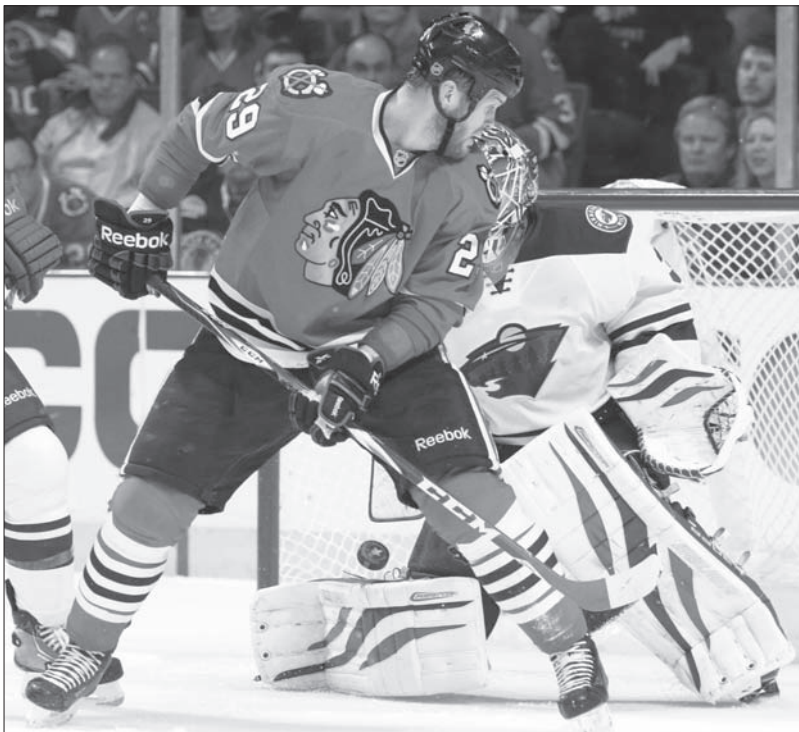
Encarnacion hit a solo homer in the second off Danny Salazar and added a two-run blast in the fifth off C.C. Lee. It was his second multihomer game of the season and the 13th of his career.

**Orioles 2, Royals 1:** Nelson Cruz homered and visiting Baltimore snapped a four-game skid to remain in first in the AL East.

Cruz homered in the fourth after Chris Davis drew a walk to lead off the inning. It was Cruz's 12th home run, which is second in the American League to the 15 of Chicago White Sox rookie Jose Abreu. Cruz's 35 RBIs are tied for second in the AL.



## NHL/COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Nam Y. Huh/AP

Chicago's Bryan Bickell scores against Minnesota during the Blackhawks' six-game series victory in the second round.

# Hawks use time to heal

## Chicago hopes to have Shaw back

### NHL scoreboard

By JAY COHEN  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — While Los Angeles and Anaheim settle their second-round series with a Game 7 showdown, the Chicago Blackhawks are resting and looking for ways they can play even better in the Western Conference finals.

The Blackhawks practiced Thursday without ailing center Andrew Shaw, but Brandon Bollig skated on the fourth line after he was suspended for the final two games of their second-round series against Minnesota. Shaw left Game 1 against the Wild with an apparent right leg injury, but he could return in Chicago's next series.

"We expect to have him back on the ice this weekend and we'll get a better determination of when he'll play," coach Joel Quenneville said.

The Blackhawks missed Shaw's net-front presence and pesky style in their six-game victory over Minnesota. The diminutive forward, listed at 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds, has two goals and two assists in the playoffs after he set career highs with 20 goals and 19 assists in the regular season.

Bollig was suspended by the NHL for boarding Minnesota defenseman Keith Ballard in

Game 4 of their Western Conference semifinal. It was a rough series for Bollig, who had played in every game this season for the Blackhawks until he was a healthy scratch for Game 2 against the Wild. For Thursday's practice, he was reunited with Marcus Kruger and Ben Smith in a line combination that was very successful for the Blackhawks during the season.

Chicago beat St. Louis and Minnesota in six games apiece to make it to the conference final for the fourth time in six seasons. But it played four overtime games against the Blues, and the Wild frustrated the Blackhawks at times with their speed and checking ability.

While the Blackhawks all think they can play better than they have so far this postseason, they like where they are as they try for a third Stanley Cup title in five seasons.

"I don't think we're worried about anything right now," said Patrick Kane, who had the winning score in the series-clinching 2-1 victory at Minnesota. "We're in a pretty good position that not a lot of teams to go through. We're in a conference final and it's going to be a great matchup whoever we face, so there's no real cause for concern and we feel our best game's ahead of us. So, it's exciting."

Second round	
(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Montreal 4, Boston 3	
Montreal 4, Boston 3, OT	
Boston 5, Montreal 3	
Montreal 4, Boston 2	
Boston 1, Montreal 0, OT	
Boston 4, Montreal 2	
Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 1	
N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1	
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Chicago 4, Minnesota 2	
Chicago 5, Minnesota 2	
Chicago 4, Minnesota 1	
Minnesota 4, Chicago 0	
Chicago 2, Minnesota 1	
Chicago 2, Minnesota 1, OT	
Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 3	
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 2, OT	
Los Angeles 3, Anaheim 1	
Anaheim 2, Los Angeles 0	
Anaheim 4, Los Angeles 3	
Los Angeles 2, Anaheim 1	
Friday: at Anaheim	

Conference finals	
(Best-of-seven)	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
N.Y. Rangers vs. Montreal	
Saturday: at Montreal	
Rest of schedule TBA	

# Straight:

## Could fans' expectations be too high?

FROM BACK PAGE

While former Nittany Lions coach Bill O'Brien had a tough time dealing with all that goes into being the face of Penn State in the post-Joe Paterno era, Franklin seems more comfortable with the job.

"I'd love to just sit in a room and draw up plays and X's and O's and recruit as well, but that's not what being a college football coach is about," he said. "It's everything. It's getting out and interacting with the fans and the media. It's talking to alumni. It's raising money. It's recruiting. It's developing the players. It's reinforcing academics. It's everything. And my thing is ... if you're going to do it you might as well embrace it. You might as well have fun with it."

Franklin has been going pretty much nonstop since moving from Vanderbilt to Happy Valley in the middle of January.

The coaches' caravan is Penn State's way to connect with its alumni outside of central Pennsylvania, and an opportunity for Franklin to rally support from fans still scarred from the collapse of Paterno's regime under the weight of the Jerry Sandusky child-sex abuse scandal in 2011.

O'Brien did a remarkable job navigating a tough situation. He became Penn State coach without knowing the school would get hammered by the NCAA with a four-year postseason ban and huge scholarship losses.

O'Brien held the team together, and guided it to 15 victories. Still, those loyal to Paterno made it tough for O'Brien to feel as if he had the full support of the Penn State community. And the many Penn State fans and alumni who did back O'Brien didn't trust the leadership at the school above him.

After two years of trying to help heal Penn State, O'Brien left for the NFL.

Now the job is Franklin's. Part of it is the caravan, where he is trying to inject Penn State with the enthusiasm he brought to Vanderbilt.

"At Vanderbilt you were trying to get people to become fans of the local team," said Franklin, who went 24-15 at Vandy, the best winning percentage for a Commodores coach since the 1940s. "At Penn State, we're trying to get people that maybe have fallen off the bandwagon to bring them back to being part of the family."

On the field, this is the season the sanctions will really start to sting Penn State. There is so little depth on the offensive line that two defensive linemen were converted and immediately moved to the top of the depth chart.

The presence of sophomore quarterback Christian Hackenberg, who threw for 2,955 yards and 20 touchdowns last season, should help, but Franklin acknowledges it will be a challenge for his staff to hide the team's deficiencies.

Optimistic by nature, Franklin's biggest challenge is to get people excited for Penn State football, while not driving up expectations that could already be unrealistic coming off O'Brien's unexpected success.

"I know this sounds funny," Franklin said, "but we have 107,000 fans at the game. I want to have an intimate personal relationship with every single one of them."

## NBA PLAYOFFS

## Scoreboard

Second round	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Miami 4, Brooklyn 1	
Miami 107, Brooklyn 96	
Miami 94, Brooklyn 82	
Brooklyn 104, Miami 90	
Miami 102, Brooklyn 96	
Miami 96, Brooklyn 94	
Indiana 4, Washington 2	
Washington 102, Indiana 96	
Indiana 96, Washington 82	
Indiana 85, Washington 63	
Indiana 96, Washington 92	
Washington 102, Indiana 79	
Thursday: Indiana 93, Washington 80	
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
San Antonio 4, Portland 1	
San Antonio 116, Portland 103	
San Antonio 114, Portland 97	
San Antonio 118, Portland 105	
Portland 103, San Antonio 92	
San Antonio 104, Portland 88	
Oklahoma City 4, L.A. Clippers 2	
L.A. Clippers 122, Oklahoma City 105	
Oklahoma City 112, L.A. Clippers 101	
Oklahoma City 118, L.A. Clippers 112	
L.A. Clippers 101, Oklahoma City 90	
Oklahoma City 105, L.A. Clippers 104	
Thursday: Oklahoma City 104, L.A. Clippers 98	

## Conference finals

(Best-of-seven, if necessary)	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Indiana vs. Miami	
Sunday: at Indiana	
Tuesday: at Indiana	
Saturday: at Miami	
Monday, May 26: at Miami	
x-Wednesday, May 28: at Indiana	
x-Friday, May 30: at Miami	
x-Sunday, June 1: at Indiana	
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Monday: at San Antonio	
Wednesday: at San Antonio	
Sunday, May 25: at Oklahoma City	
Tuesday, May 27: at Oklahoma City	
x-Thursday, May 28: at San Antonio	
x-Saturday, May 31: at Oklahoma City	
x-Monday, June 2: at San Antonio	

## Thursday

## Thunder 104, Clippers 98

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — Durant 12-23 10-19, Ibaka 3-5 0-0 6, Perkins 0-0 0-0 0-0, Westbrook 4-15 11-12 19, Sefolosha 2-9 0-5, Adams 5-7 0-1 10, L. Collins 1-4 5-6 14, Fisher 2-7 2-2 7, Butler 0-3 0-0 0, N.Collison 1-1 1-2 4. Totals 33-72 29-33 64.

**L.A. CLIPPERS** — Barnes 4-14 0-2 9, Griffin 8-20 5-0 22, Jordan 4-5 1-2 9, Paul 9-18 5-5 25, Redick 7-17 0-0 16, Crawford 2-5 0-0 4, Davis 3-5 0-0 6, D.Collison 3-8 0-1 6, Granger 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 40-95 12-20 98.

**Oklahoma City** 16 26 30 32—104  
**L.A. Clippers** 20 30 22 26—98  
 Three-point Goals: Oklahoma City 9-25 (Durant 5-8, N.Collison 1-1, Sefolosha 1-1, Jackson 1-1, Butler 1-1, Ibaka 0-1, Butler 0-2, Westbrook 0-4), L.A. Clippers 6-21 (Paul 2-4, Redick 2-5, Griffin 1-2, Barnes 1-5, Crawford 0-1, D.Collison 0-1, Granger 0-2). Fouled Out—Griffin, Redick. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 50 (Durant 16), L.A. Clippers 56 (Jordan 15). Assists—Oklahoma City 25 (Oklahoma City 12), L.A. Clippers 26 (Paul 11). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 22, L.A. Clippers 17. Technicals—Durant, Barnes, A.—19,565 (19,060).

## Pacers 93, Wizards 80

**INDIANA** — George 4-11 3-4 12, West 13-26 3-5 29, Hibbert 4-8 3-4 11, G.Hill 10-22 2-2 13, Rondo 1-3 1-1 7, Mahinmi 2-2 1-3 5, Scola 1-3 2-2 4, Turner 0-0 0-0 0, Watson 1-2 2-4 2, Copeland 0-0 0-0 0, Butler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-72 17-25 93.

**WASHINGTON** — Lillard 1-5 4-4 6, Nene 7-12 1-2 15, Gortat 7-12 5-19, Wall 5-16 2-12 12, Westbrook 7-19 0-0 17, Maybin 2-4 4, Gooden 1-4 2-2 4, Miller 2-3 0-0 4, Harrington 0-2 0-0 7, Temple 0-0 0-0 0, Seraphin 0-1 0-0 0, Porter Jr. 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-79 16 80.

Scoring leaders	
	G FG FT PTS AVG
Durant, OKC	13 126 106 314
James, MIA	9 88 79 270 30.0
Harden, HOU	6 50 45 161 26.8
Westbrook, OKC	13 117 93 346 26.6
Aldridge, POR	11 113 60 288 26.2
Powell, HOU	58 40 156 26.0
DeRozan, TOR	7 45 31 167 23.9
Griffin, LAC	13 117 71 235 23.5
Curry, GSW	7 51 37 161 23.0
Lillard, POR	11 83 59 252 22.9
George, IND	13 101 70 285 21.9
Johnson, BRO	12 98 56 254 21.2
Lowry, TOR	7 44 148 21.1
Ellis, DAL	7 52 27 143 20.4
Paul, LAC	12 52 22 129 19.8
Walker, CHA	4 26 14 78 19.5
Millsap, ATL	7 41 45 136 19.4
Pie, MEM	7 41 33 132 19.3
Teague, ATL	7 41 38 135 19.3
Parker, SAN	12 97 31 231 19.3

## Durant shoulders load in Game 6

## MVP's 39-point effort eliminates LA Clippers

By GREG BEACHAM

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mr. Unrelatable was rock-solid and relentless yet again.

Kevin Durant's reward is another trip to the Western Conference finals with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

The league MVP made the most foolish headline in recent newspaper history look even worse Thursday night with a spectacular 39-point performance, propelling the Thunder into a matchup with the San Antonio Spurs for a spot in the NBA Finals.

While Russell Westbrook struggled and Oklahoma City's role players floundered, Durant carried his teammates through Game 6 against the Los Angeles Clippers. Durant accounted for nearly half of their points with buckets or assists as the Thunder finally finished off their mentally exhausted second-round opponents.

Durant also had a season-high 16 rebounds, and he might have to do even more when the Thunder visit San Antonio for Game 1 on Monday night. He's confident Oklahoma City is capable of getting past the West's No. 1 seed with teamwork sprouting from years of playoff runs.

"Experience has helped us out a lot, just being with each other for so long," Durant said. "We've got a long ways to go. We definitely can get better. This is definitely a series that pushed us to the brink. We were in a tough spot. We stayed together and persevered."

When the Thunder were down by 16 points and struggling to make any shot early in Game 6, they looked all but ready to fold up and head home for a series-deciding finale.

Instead, Westbrook overcame a slow start to finish with 19 points and 12 assists as the Thunder reached the conference finals for the third time in four years, closing out Los Angeles with two straight wins.

Durant hit five three-pointers and Reggie Jackson added 14 points for Oklahoma City, which will face the Spurs in a rematch of the West's last two championships. The Thunder eliminated San Antonio in six games in 2012.

Oklahoma City swept the Spurs 4-0 during the regular season.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Oklahoma City forward Kevin Durant, right, puts up a shot as Los Angeles forward Matt Barnes, left, and center DeAndre Jordan defend during Game 6 of their Western Conference semifinal series on Thursday in Los Angeles. The Thunder won 104-98 behind 39 points and a season-high 16 rebounds from Durant, taking the series 4-2.

## Pacers persevere, knock off Wizards

By HOWARD FENDRICH

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Through all of it — the late-season swoon, the questions about team unity, the deficits in the first two playoff rounds — this is what Paul George and the Indiana Pacers wanted.

All along, this is where they were sure they could be.

And now Indiana gets its rematch against LeBron James and the two-time defending NBA champion Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference finals.

"We know what's up ahead, what's next," George said. "It wasn't pretty, but we got it done."

The Pacers pushed the Heat to seven games a year ago, and they'll resume the rivalry Sunday in Game 1 at Indianapolis.



Pacers forward David West scored 29 points in Thursday's 93-80 victory over the Washington Wizards in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series in Washington. The Pacers advanced to the Eastern Conference finals to face the Heat.

The teams split their four regular-season meetings.

Indiana, the East's No. 1 seed, eliminated the Washington Wizards from the East semifinals in six games with a 93-80 victory Thursday night. No. 2 Miami advanced a night earlier by finishing off the Brooklyn Nets in five games. The West finals also pit the top two seeds, with No. 1 San Antonio against No. 2 Oklahoma City.

"We'll enjoy the plane ride home, and we'll start preparing tomorrow," said Pacers forward David West, who scored 29 points Thursday. "Obviously, (the Heat are) a different animal. We're going to have to change some things, change our scheme defensively. Offensively, we've got to be able to deal with their pressure. So we'll start on all that tomorrow."

ALEX BRANDON/AP

## SPORTS



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has deep ties to Pimlico | **Page 27**

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

Penn State coach James Franklin watches his team's annual Blue-White spring scrimmage at Beaver Stadium in State College, Pa., on April 12.



**‘If you’re going to do it you might as well embrace it. You might as well have fun with it.’**

**James Franklin**  
Penn State head coach

# Straight to it

## No break for new PSU coach

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Penn State coach James Franklin is fine as long as he keeps moving. Only in those rare moments when he gets to take a break during the Nittany Lions' coaches caravan, a 17-stop tour spanning most of May, is he in danger of crashing.

"I'm not really good with down time," Franklin told reporters during stop No. 11 in New York on Wednesday, not far from the site of the Freedom Tower at 1 World Trade Center. "I kind of hit the wall. I think if we

just would have come and moved, I would have been fine. But the down time wasn't good."

A triple-espresso and a Red Bull had Franklin back to his energetic and chatty self.

"I'm ready!" Franklin said, punctuating his recovery with a couple loud claps. "Watcha got?"

What Penn State's new coach has is a roster whittled down by crippling NCAA sanctions, expectations that might be out of whack after his predecessor's surprising success, and a fanbase that in some corners is still trying to come to grips with massive changes after decades of stability.

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